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Mr Fallon worked for the company for about two years. During the election campaign, he was seconded to Mr Blair's office. Within months of his return to BAA, however questions were raised about claims on his corporate American Express

of his departure, Sheila Clark, BAA head of human resources. told him the company wanted to reclaim from his pension con-

tributions "monies outstanding to BAA which were the result of false claims made by yourself on your company credit card ... This may be a useful way of assisting you in paying back a portion of £1.570." The Independent has es-

tablished that Mr Fallon signed On 16 February, at the time a form on 2 March authorising the deductions "... as a result of false accounting in respect of my BAA company credit card". Des Wilson, director of cor-

porate and public affairs at BAA, said Mr Fallon's departure had been planned for some time, was amicable and had nothing to do with expenses irregularities. Mr Fallon was re-

paying a "company loan".
"At the time Tim was leaving there were discrepancies in expenses that had as much as anything to do with the fact that we had been incredibly busy and had not conformed with

has obtained details of a draft statement written by Mr Fallon in which he says: "I took it upon and public affairs department. myself to enter explanations for lunches/dinners that were not ticularly ashamed of," wrote Mr Fallon. "The final main area of accurate. Whereas these wrong-doing is that on certain claims were genuine business occasions I have used my Amex card to pay for personal ex-

expenses, the explanations were misleading. Associated with this mis-administration of my statements was the fact that on occasions ... I authorised these claims forms myself, back in full. For others I have

signing off in Andrew Currie's not and have failed to declare name." Mr Currie is an assistant director of BAA's corporate

"This practice is dishonest and wholly wrong ... I cannot adequately explain the deep sense of regret I feel. Regret that I have let down my company and regret that I have let down colleagues who over the last couple of years have helped, nurtured and supportpenses. I have declared them ed me.

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Mr Fallon failed to return calls yesterday.

Tyneside in uproar as 1,000 jobs go

THE NORTH-east of England By MICHAEL HARISON was dealt a hamme; blow yesferday after the German cleaiant Siemens announced the cloture of its Elbn semiconductor plant on Tyneside with the liss of 1.100

n was greeted with anger and dismay by local inisinesses, trade unions and politicians while the Cosservative made and industry spokesman John Redwood plamed the closure on

the strong pound. But Numens said that the state of the art plant, opened only a year ago by the Queen. was the victim of overcapacity. a 95 per cent fall in microchip prices and damping by Far East marufacturers.

The company pledged to repay the 550m in government subsiderent received to help build the facility and announced that it had joined, a task force set up the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Peter Mandelson to try and rescue the plan'.

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ing won, warned that total job loss's could exceed 2,000 once tive of Signific said the thempact on contractors and chance of molin a buyer were component suppliers was taken low and in thing come up with into account. The plant buys 270m of supplies a year from 250 local firms.

Bill Midgley, president of the North East Chamber of Trade and Industry, described the closure as a "massive blow not only for the North-east but for the whole of the UK economy" and said there was little doubt that the strong pound had played a big part in Siemens' decision.

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of the pound was marginal. When the go-ahead was given for the plant in 1995, Siemens forecast that the worldwide market for semiconductors would reach \$200bn by this year. It has only reached \$145bn. At the same time, overcapacity has brought the price of memory chips crashing from \$55 to \$3 in three years.

The Tyneside plant also recently lost a partnership agreement with a Taiwanese company that would have guaranteed half its output for the next 10 years.

The likely closure is a crushing blow for the area. When the decision to build the plant was announced in 1995, job centres in Wallsend and North Shields received 4,000 telephone calls in three hours.

At the official opening last year the Queen said it would put Britain at the "forefront of semiconductor manufacturing". However, within months of production starting, turnbling prices forced Siemens to scrap plans for a second phase of development which would have added a further 500 jobs.

Mr Mandelson said: "This is a very savage blow and I feel very strongly for the workforce and their families who are affected by this." He said "every effort" would be made to secure the plant's future.

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President Bill Clinton at a fund-raiser for the North Carolina Senate race this week

'iagra swoop excites police

DID THE police and officials from the Medicine Control Agency think they were looking for a "hardened" criminal? It is impossible to say, but this week, acting on a tip-off, they raided a sex-shop in Soho,

Viagra. the erection-enhancing wonder-drug. It is not an uplifting tale. The officials made a test pur-

London, and seized 14 cases of

BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE

chase, buying one pill for £40 before preparing to raid the shop. They were sold pills that had to be Viagra, and subsequently raided the shop," said a Westminster City Council spokesman. "The person ... may be charged with unlicensed sale of the drug and will

certainly be prosecuted for the

sale of unlicensed videos and CD-Roms which were also seized." But what had the man allegedly done wrong: will he not claim he was supplying a demand? "This drug can kill if it is taken with the wrong types of medicine," said a Department of Health spokesman.

Viagra is unlicensed in Britain and only available from doctors who agree to take all

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legal responsibility should something go wrong. It is reportedly being sold to nightclubbers for £25 a time. It was launched in the US and has been used by 2 million men. If charged and found guilty.

the shop-owner could face ar unlimited fine or even two years in prison. Yes. yes. yes. it does sound like a bit of a stiff

Clinton vows to

tell the

truth By MARY DEJEVSKY

in Washington

IN HIS first response to the mounting crisis over his relations with Monica Lewinsky. President Bill Clinton said that he was looking forward to testifying to prosecutors and promised to do an "arrangully

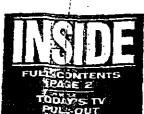
Mr Clinton deviated from the subject in hand - a paean to the US economy after betterthan-expected second-quarter figures - to tell reporters: "No one wants to get this matter be hind us more than I do ... I'm looking forward to the opportunity of testifying. I will do so

completely and truthfull .." Mr Clinton is scheduled to give videotaped evidence to prosecutors from the White House on 17 August, Ms Lewinsky, who has immunity from prosecution if she now admits to an affair, is expected to appear before the grand jury in

the next two weeks. Meanwhile, officials and legal analysts close to the White House were entering the tray to play down the significance of material evidence, including a dress and telephone messages. surrendered by Monica Lewinsky to prosecutors earlier in the week. They were responding to reports that the dress had been sent to FBI laboratories to be tested for semen stains.

The new "spin" cautioned that the dress would vield no evidence of anything untoward and that the telephone messages were "innocuous", along the lines of "Hey, it's me. Sorry I missed you". But they did not explain why the President should be ringing a White House

trainee at home, out of hours Preliminary results of the tests on the dress were expected to be available by the end of the weekend, but it was not known whether they would be made public, or what the White House attitude would be if President Clinton were required to submit to a DNA test.



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Ministers are to be questioned behind closed doors at this year's Labour Party conference PAGE 2 HOME NEWS

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Summer 1998 is bringing a smile to the nation's travel agents as consumers desperate to escape the dreary weather are being forced to pay more for their place in

Dad's Army celebrates its 30th Dad's Army, a classic celebration of the British amateur.

reached its 30th anniversary yesterday with the series still pulling in millions of viewers for the BBC. Page 9 Roads review axes 18 schemes Eighteen major road schemes were axed and plans for 60 more shelved despite overwhelming public demand

for highways and bypasses, the Government's roads review revealed yesterday. Page 10

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Jews divided over banks claim

Most Swiss Jews are now bitterly at odds with their American counterparts over lawsuits by thousands of Holocaust victims and their heirs, demanding compensation from two Swiss hanks Page 12

Party boss jailed for corruption

A former Peking communist party boss was sentenced yesterday to 16 years in jail for diverting public funds "in pursuit of a corrupt and decadent life". Page 14

Riding the Mongolian steppes

Naadam is one of the world's great sporting spectacles. Mongolians ride in from far-flung provinces for a week-end of horse-racing, wrestling and archery on the grasslands outside the Mongolian capital, Ulan Bator.

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Lloyds shares fall

Shares in Lloyds TSB tumbled by more than 7 per cent after the bank said it would put an extra £400m towards the costs of sorting out the pensions mis-selling scandal.

Japanese unemployment rises

Another sharp jump in unemployment in Japan, rising to 4.3 per cent in June, has given incoming Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi fresh proof, if any were needed, that there is to be no honeymoon period for his new admin-

SPORTS NEWS

Henry takes over at Wales

The New Zealander Graham Henry became the highest-paid coach in world rugby when he took charge of struggling Wales on a five-year contract worth £250,000

Gillespie up for offer

Newcastle United could be willing to listen to offers around the £5m mark for the 22-year-old winger Keith Gillespie. Among the front-runners for his signature are likely to be North-east neighbours Middlesbrough. Page 26

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Howard Jacobson

My driving instructor was an ex-policeman, an ex-SS man, an ex-guard at Auschwitz, an anti-semite with a Barnsley accent,

Fergal Keane

The world of black depressions and shaking hands, drying out clinics, broken promises, betrayals, sick stomachs and shame - you have to live there to know it. Carver did

and he described it with searing honesty.

Steve Connor From the Minotaur to Midsummer Night's Dream, the animal-human chimaera has been a grotesque specta-cie relegated, thankfully, to the pages of mythology.

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Delays in information bill now feeled

JACK STRAW has been put in By Daisy Sampson charge of the Freedom of Information Bill leading to fears that the Government may water down its manifesto com-

The move to put responsibility of the Bill into the hands of the Home Secretary follows the sacking earlier this week of its chief advocate, David Clark.

He had drafted the Bill while Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and had campaigned vigorously for strong legislation in Cabinet battles with Mr Straw.

The news that the responsi-bility had passed to Mr Straw outraged campaigners last night who said he had adopted a very "defensive" position.

The announcement, on the

last day of the parliamentary term, was released in the form of a written answer from the Prime Minister to a Labour backbencher, Jean Corston. Mr Clark said yesterday: "There is a manifesto commitment to this. I left an agreed timetable for the draft Bill to be ready. I would expect that

timetable to be adhered to." Immediately before his sack-ing from the Cabinet Office, Mr Clark announced that the Bill was on course and should be published in draft form by the end of September.

It was then due to be submitted to the Public Administration Committee pre-legislative scrutiny



David Clark: Sacked

The committee's chairman, Rhodri Morgan, said he was surprised by yesterday's developments. He said: "This does not entirely chime with the assurances that I had been

top level. But I hope that the change of department does not signify a change of policy. The work had already been done so the only issue is whether Tony Blair has got cold feet over including the Bill in the next

Mr Morgan said he had been ven "cast iron assurances" that the draft Bill would be published in the Autumn and be was expecting to complete his evidence-taking sessions on it by the end of the year.

"It is very important that the Bill itself is included in the Queen's Speech because no government anywhere in the world ever introduces a Freedom of Information Bill once it reaches a half-way stage in the

Parliament after the Civil Serthe mp vants have got you in their Info att grip," he sai. The Bill vil give the public

the right to lemand Govern-ment information unless it falls under one on number of exemptions, with include com-mercial sensitivity and national

that both Peter Mandelson, to new Secretary of State for The and Industry, and Mr Stra have reservations about the proposed Bill and have mee their views known to the time Minister.

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Roy Riley

Labour conference will discuss policy in secret

tioned behind closed doors at Political Correspondent this year's Labour Party conference in Blackpool, in a move

For the first time, the party is to hold private question-andanswer sessions for delegates on key policy areas.

Although details have not been finalised, Frank Dobson, the Secretary of State for Health; Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary; Gordon Brown, the Chancellor and Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, are likely to

chair the meetings. Until now, all three main political parties have held their policy discussions in public at

annual conferences. But the traditional debates at which Labour Party members argued over motions and composites are to be removed

from its conference agenda

Instead, there will be public designed to keep left-right discussions on policy and "displits out of the public eye. discussions on policy and "discussions on maries of comments by members - produced by the party's leadership.

Although some delegates are bound to show their opposition by voting against entire documents, they will have no opportunity to amend them and they will certainly be

There will also be emergency debates whose subject will be decided by ballot.

But in addition to these, questions will be answered in comerc and away from the main conference hall on this year's four main areas for policy discussion - health, crime and justice, Europe and welfare

Policy commissions on these bate now goes on in private "fo-

subjects are chaired by Mr rums" around the country. A such a NeDonald's, United

Much of the week in Blackpool will be taken up by setpiece presentations from every Cabinet minister, with the highlight being the Prime Minister Tony Blair's speech to the delegates.

The party leadership is determined to prevent the public rows that have always dominated the headlines during the week of its October conference. During the Labour administration of the 1970s its conference was often opposed to government policy and caused great embarrassment

to ministers. The effect of the changes will be to drive public dissent morefirmly outside the conference and into fringe meetings

around the town. Most of Labour's policy de-

Dobson, Mr Cook, Mr Brown small proportion of members Utilities Philp Morris. are elected to a National Policy Forum, which debates proposals from commissions

chaired by Cabinet ministers. The proposals are passed by a Joint Policy Committee chaired by Mr Blair before being seen by members.

A party spokesman said yesterday that the old system led to sterile arguments over "pointless composites that nobody agrees about".

What we are trying to do is to have a process which keeps everybody informed and to have a healthy debate," the

The new arrangements have caused anger among some sections of the party, not least because Labour has held a series of corporate seminars attended by representatives from most of the major lobbying companies as well as by firms

At or such meeting re-cently, thoaty's head of busi-ness lisis, tim Bush, told his audience:we don't just seek the help oursinesses in implementingur policies, we want the preical inputs from your experiee in business.

"We need e ideas and solutions that c be generated from the corpcte sector."

Matthew Tay, the party's assistant generaccretary told them that Labous traditional ways of doing thin were "simply incompatible we what the miblic expects from the control of the contro public expects from party in power".

He added: "Our disussions at annual conference ust not simply pander to the ternal vested interests or politial obsessions in the party ... e're not just making policy for nur party, we're making it for or community and our country:

Lottish

y Stephen Goodwin Scotland

COTTISH NATIONALISTS could barely conceal their delight vesterday as opinion poll evidence suggested Tony Blair's dash north and an extra £4bn in public spending have not halted Labour's slide in popularity north of the border.

For the first time, Labour has fallen behind the SNP in an ICM/Scotsman pollon voting intentions for the Edinburgh Parliament. Other pols have put

the SNP up to 14 points ahead. Donald Dewar Secretary of State for Scotland, found comfort in the detail of the figures but the headline slump means more pressure on his new deputy, Helen Liddell, in her job

of reversing the nationalist tide. Of the 1,300 polled by ICM, 39 per cent said they would vote SNP in the first-past-the post constituency part of next May's election compared to 36 per cent voting Labour. For the second question, voting for party lists, there was a dead

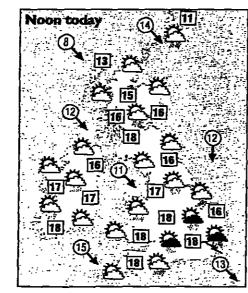
heat on 36 percent. Mr Blair's lotion of a "Mid-dle Scotland" yas derided, with only 17 per celt believing it existed, but oddly there was a marked fall in support for independence i a referendum

was held. Mike Russel, chief executive of the SNP, said the more Mr Blair visited Scytland, the better it suited the SNP. The last visit was "supposed to signal the start of Labour's recovery, but the poll shows that it was a total flop", Mr Russell said.

Mr Dewar said the dead heat on the party preference question put the rather excitable headlines" into perspective. However, privately, party leaders will be concerned that so far their tactic of branding the SNP as "separatists" and a pledge of extra money for education and housing has half

no discernible impact. The Secretary of State sounded equally relaxed over moves to cut back the time devoted to Scottish Jusiness in the Commons following devolution. The Commons select committee on procedure has decided to hold an inquiry into the consequences of divolution for business at Westninster.

BRITAIN TODAY



The weather over Scotland and Northern Ireland will Improve with showers becoming more isolated and more sunshine appearing. There will be some he showers over Wales, and northern and south-western England, becoming fewe later as sunny spells increase, with the far south-west becoming dry. The east and south of England will have heavy showers breaking out, merging into lengthler spells of rain, and there is a strong risk of thunder.

NEXT FEW DAYS

Showers in the east and south of England will clear to leave it dry on Sunday with some sunshine. The west will doud over later, with rain moving in overnight and crossing the rest of the country on Monday, followed by sunny spells and showers. Tuesday will be a little warmer with sunshine and showers. The warming trend should continue after that with a dry spell in the south and the north staying changeable.

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For everyone in Saline-les-Bains the Grand Tour is now a cycle of despair

By KATHY MARKS in Salins-les-Bains

A BROAD smile spread across Marie-Jeanne Bully's coarse features. Her double chin began to quiver and she clutched her ample hips. Finally, dropping the comb with which she had been teasing an elderly client's grey curls, she erupted into loud gales of laughter.

What prompted this remarkable show of mirth was a perfectly straightforward question: Were French people surprised by the revelations of dope-taking that have blighted the world's premier cycle race over the past two weeks? Apparently not "Don't be ridiculous," splut-

tered Mine Bully, owner of a hairdressing salon in Salinsles-Bains, a small spa town in the foothills of the Jura Mountains, on the route of yesterday's stage of the Tour de France. "Everyone knows that the competitors take drugs. They're men, after all; not

Her client, Nicole Picard, agreed, and said: "We support the riders, 100 per cent. The police have treated them abominably."

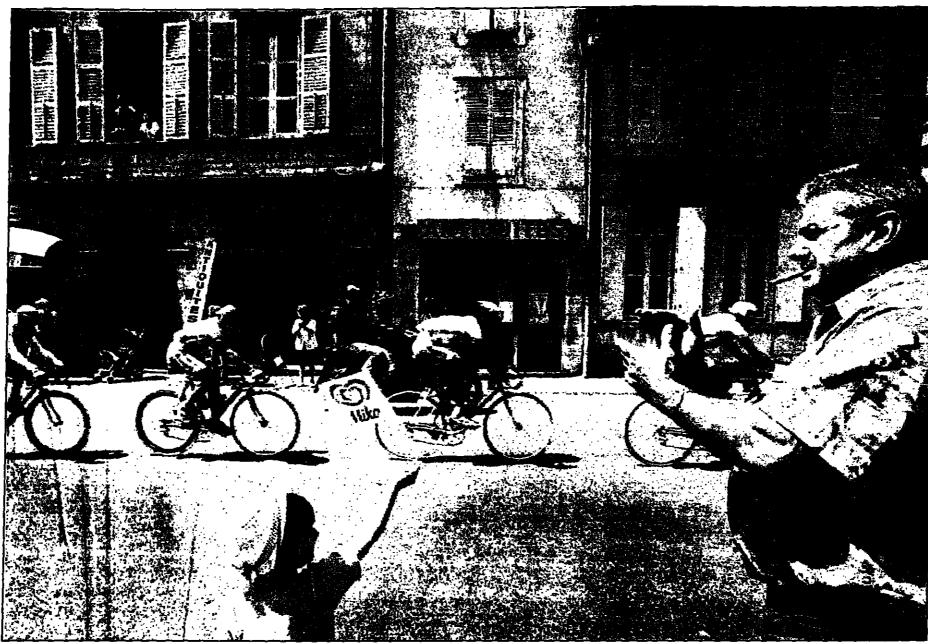
The extraordinary thing is that these views are echoed around the town. On this subject, ordinary French people not normally noted for their liberal attitudes - appear virtually unshockable. So the cyclists take a few pills and potions to help them tackle those steep ascents. So what?

The French authorities have proved less tolerant. Since performance-enhancing drugs were found in the car of the Swiss Festina team earlier this month, the judiciary has come down on the Tour like a ton of bricks. Several other teams have been investigated: their suitcases searched, their doctors and riders taken away for ques-

The cyclists complain that they have been handled like hardened criminals; frogmarched out of their hotel night, strip-searched, interrohours on end. forced to forgo their precious post-race massage. "Many of us have been in tears." said one sportsman earlier this week.

teams have pulled out in protest. There have been brazen admissions, though. that drug-taking is routine. The scandal grows daily and threatens the very future of the

Le Monde and other respected journals have called



A little girl and her grandfather applauding riders in the Tour de France as they pass yesterday

for this year's Tour - due to finish in Paris tomorrow - to be

"The Tour has no credibili-

ty left. It is a sordid spectacle," one newspaper said yesterday. So there is a huge gulf between French opinionformers and the hundreds of rooms in the middle of the people who lined the route in Salins yesterday, cheering gated, left without food for wildly as the peloton hurtled past. To understand it, you

have to appreciate the special

place the Tour de France has

in the national psyche. In a nation obsessed by Festina was expelled; other sport, la Grande Boucle is the greatest spectacle of all. It is a symbol of national pride; an integral part of the country's heritage. An estimated 20 million people - a third of the population - turn out each year to watch their sporting heroes. Six hours of television are devoted to the event each day

The Tour arouses passions beyond those exhibited when ecstatic crowds spilled on to the Champs Elysées in the wake of France's World Cup Final triumph last month. Hence the outrage among the French public at the way that

the competitors have been

treated. Every sport is riddled

with drugs nowadays, people the riders perform enormous feats of endurance, covering 2,500 miles in three weeks, on often demanding terrain. It is difficult, also, to overand villages in rural France of securing a place on the Tour's outside the honey-coloured

state the importance to towns itinerary. Those that host the start and finish of the daily stages pay handsomely for the privilege. Local politicians get re-elected for persuading the organisers to divert the race through their region.

In Salins yesterday, the to the Tour's sponsors drove sense of anticipation was palpast and free gifts - coffee, videos, suntan lotion - were pable as residents of the usually sleepy town awaited the tossed out of the windows. arrival of the cyclists, who Blaring music played over were to pass through on the loudspeakers added to the fesbetween La Chaux-de-Fonds, Just after 1pm, a convoy of just over the Swiss border to motorbikes heralded the imminent arrival of

Autun, 150 miles west, For three hours they waited in the baking heat: babies in pushchairs, grizzled old men waving tricolour flags, dogs barking in harmony with the honking cars. They congregated in the square, the Place de la Resistance, set up deckchairs on the pavement post office, hung out of windows overlooking the buntingfestooned main street.

Around midday, every business in town put up its shutters. Children shrieked with excitement as cars belonging

watch the race. According to the information office in Salins, they often stay on to visit local attractions: the ancient salt works. the medieval churches, the vineyards that produce the region's distinctive yellow

But not quite everyone is misty eyed about the Tour. Jose Bourgeois, a local bar owner with piercing blue eyes and a ferociously bushy moustache, believes that "l'affaire Festina" has done untold damage to France's sporting rep-

"The race is spoilt this year," he said. "They have cheated and they have lied. I don't know why they're bothering to finish it."

And in Aix-les-Bains, where cyclists cruised across the finish line earlier this week after staging a farcical go-slow day in protest at their treatment by police, municipal authorities are furious. The £70,000 that they paid in order to host a leg of the race is money down the drain, they say.

Despite everything, it looks as if the remaining riders will make it to Paris but it is debatable whether the Tour will be able to rid itself of the stench of scandal. Some argue that the crackdown was long over-

"It's unpleasant but it had to happen. They need to clean up the sport and start again from square one," said one Salins resident yesterday.

Optimists take a long-term perspective.

They point out that doping has been a recurrent theme for many years. Team hotels were raided by police in search of drugs as far back as 1962.

In 1967, Tommy Simpson collapsed and died on Mont Ventoux; his use of amphetamines was largely held to

event like none other," said

one middle-aged woman, wip-

ing a speck of dust from her

eye. "It's such a great honour

for the town to be on the

It is also good for the town's

economy. Hotels and bars

were packed yesterday. People

cyclists. Suddenly they were

there, a dozen or so at the

head of the race, a vision of

physical perfection in multi-

coloured Lycra. Ten minutes

later, the rest of the men

whizzed past, to deafening

applause. So brave, so strong.

The Tour is the Tour. It's an

sighed the spectators.

And, as was clear in Salins yesterday, the enthusiasm of an indulgent French public for the Tour remains undimmed. If cyclists are doped up to the eyeballs, as far as the spectators are concerned, they are come from miles around to still Gods of the Road.

Dutch team TVM quits amid calls to clean up the sport

THE TOUR de France trun- BY MARK BURTON dled on its troubled way yesterday without another team caught up in the allegations of drug abuse that almost brought the world's premier cycling race to a premature end.

TVM, a Dutch team whose unhappiness at having its hotel rooms searched by police was the catalyst for a protest goslow by riders that brought the stage, pulled out of the 3.850km (2,390 miles) event yesterday

That left only 14 of the original 21 teams to press on towards Paris and the traditional finish on the Champs-Elysées tomorrow.

Jean-Francois Pescheux. the Tour's sporting director, said the TVM team's riders had complained of being tired. The team reportedly headed home to the Netherlands, but the riders are due to report for questioning on Monday in Rheims, where the investigation into alleged drug taking by some riders on the Tour has its headquarters. After the raid on their hotel

the team's riders were taken to hospital by police and given lengthy medical examinations, including blood, urine and hair tests to check for drug abuse. The team's masseur is still being held by police for ques-

The team drew support from the Dutch government, which was setting up an inquiry into the French authorities' handling of the drugs scandal. The Dutch sports minister,

Erica Terpstra, who has made public her backing for the retired TVM team, wants to determine whether France's legal system has acted fully within its powers. The Tour riders, many of

whom see themselves as victims of the pressure to fulfil the expectations of soonsors, called on the governing body to act promptly to clean up the sport.

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the riders' spokesman, Bjarne Riis. He said the job of the Union Cycliste Internationale announced yesterday that it was not just to make the rules and arrange the racing calendar. "Together with them we have to sort out this problem which has come out in the Tour," he added

> Two Spanish teams. Kelme and Vitalicio, dropped out of the race in protest on Thursday. joining two other Spanish teams and an Italian team, who had quit the Tour the day

A sixth team, Festina. was thrown out on 17 July after police found illegal substances

Knee-jerk reaction to Texas

ditions.

IT'S BAD news for the banana BY GARY FINN skin then. A British businessfrom an American casualty department, has filed a law suit in the United States against a food retailer and the Texan oil city of Houston, after he slipped and broke his knee on a discarded ham sandwich.

Brian Philpott, from Ilford. east London, was injured shortly after landing at the city's Bush International Airport two years ago when the crushed remains of a ham sandwich brought him crashing to earth. That humble sandwich could

man, taking his litigious cue now net Mr Philpott up to -\$250,000 (£165,000) after he lodged a claim for damages earlier this week. The lawsuit, filed on Tuesday, seeks damages from the city, which owns and operates the airport, and the "unknown food outlet operator(s)" who left the sandwich on the uncarpeted floor.

which is now being served on the city of Houston," said Marc Whitehead of Houston. "At that "The condition of the sandpoint, we will begin the discovwich indicated that it had been ery process and we will receive on the floor for a substantial period of time," the suit said, "In a trial setting. After that, the case could settle. But it might not, and addition, there was a cleaning person adjacent to the scene of could end up going to trial."

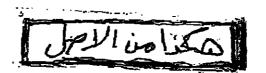
Anthony Hall a city attorney, said he could not comment on the lawsuit because the city had not yet been served.

The lawyer who filed the It sounds kind of humorous case said yesterday that Mr but he [Mr Philpott] had a very Philpott sustained a compound serious injury," Mr Whitehead said. His client suffered at least fracture of the leg and the knee three fractures to his knee and that required surgery "We've filed the lawsuit. has incurred at least \$80,000 in medical expenses and lost

> Papers filed in the lawsuit stated that Mr Philpott was accompanied by his wife, Ruth, and son, David, at the time of the mishap. Mrs Philpott is also listed as a plaintiff.



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a "complex network" charging

up to £2,500 a time for special ssport stamps allowing for-Britain indefinitely. "There are individuals who

have made enormous sums of a result of this on-going prac-ice, defence barrister

He told Inner London Crown Court there was evidence that Mike Poloway/UNP his client, former Home Office

official Samuel Essuah, had been threatened with a gun and told to keep quiet.

The court heard that Essuah. who received a 12-month sentence after admitting his role in the lucrative scam, was no longer working for the Civil Service when he became involved. But his knowledge of Home Office immigration procedures

would have been useful. Mark Kemsey, prosecuting said Essuah, of Kilburn, northwest London, was suspended from the asylum screening unit. for a separate matter in 1992, two years before he turned to

> community, he claimed he was still a civil servant and could arrange indefinite "leave to stay" stamps to be put into the passports of his fellow countrymen. Four people paid between £2,000 to £2,500 for the stamp, not realising it had been issued illegally.

was exposed when Ghana produced a smaller passport and told all its nationals in Britain to change their old ones.

When the four that Essuah had helped handed theirs over, Home Office records revealed they had not been given permission to remain in Britain. "The Crown has accepted in

this case that there are others involved," said Mr Kemsey. "The defendant was the

that went to him." he added. Mr D'Souza said Essuah

who admitted four counts of "making arrangements for semain in the UK, had intended to help people only on a limit-ed basis. "But thereafter it spiralled out of control," he said.

He told the court his client was later to speak of being "threatened with a gun and told to keep quiet about what was happening".

"He was so concerned, he gave his name and telephone number to those witnesses and indicated that if anything should happen to him they should contact the police."

The barrister continued: There are serious implicaof corruption in the Home Office itself involving the fraudulent granting of leave to remain

stamps for profit."
Individuals of higher rank in the Home Office were pulling the purse strings".

"Mr Essuah had very limitpears to be a very much larger and very much more serious conspiracy so far as other individuals are concerned."

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Passing sentence, Judge Jeremy Fordham said that while he gave Essuah full credit for fences of very serious gravity". The operation "struck at the

courier, he was the go-between ... it appears the money has heart" of Britain's immigrabeen handed on to others except tion policies. Tribunal will decide police

A CHIEF CONSTABLE SUS- BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE pended following allegations of misconduct must face an investigation before an independent tribunal. Frank Wilkinson, Chief Constable of Gwent, will be the first officer of his rank to

chief's fate

be dealt with in this way. The decision was made yesterday at a private session of the Gwent Police Authority, which Mr Wilkinson attended to make a statement about the allegations. The affair dates back nine months, when Mr Wilkinson, 51, was sent home after allegations surrounding the issuing of a speeding ticket to a prominent councillor and the award of contracts.

The allegations, made by the Deputy Chief Constable and Assistant Chief Constable, also concerned the secondment of scenes-of-crimes officers to assist the UN warcrimes unit in Bosnia. The allegations were investigated by the Police Complaints Authority and the Crown Prosecution Service advised that no charges should be brought against the

Mr Wilkinson, who has always maintained his innocence, spoke to the authority for 45 minutes yesterday. After he emerged from the meeting at Caerphilly, in South Wales, he said: "We would all want it to be resolved as soon as possible. That would be to the benefit of the police force and the com-

munity in Gwent as well." Asked how he was dealing with would "rather be at work".

The police authority could have decided to ignore the allegations and reinstate Mr Wilkinson immediately Instead it decided to refer the matter to pected to be headed by a retired judge and assisted by assessors, including a chief consta-ble or former chief constable. Until then Mr Wilkinson will re-

David Turnbull, chairman of Gwent Police Authority, said: "The tribunal will decide if the charges are to be dismissed or are proven. If proven, it will recommend to the police authority whether or not any punishment should be im-

Every effort will be made to undertake the completion of the statutory procedure as speedily as practicable.'

After the tribunal has heard Mr Wilkinson's case, the police authority will decide what action to take. Its powers range from taking no further action to dismissal. The tribunal will be headed by a senior legal figure cellor and, if Mr Wilkinson should wish to appeal, he could only do so to the Home Secre-

Met to test recruits on racial awareness

to improve training and recruitment in a bid to counter racism within the force, following the murder of black teenager Stephen Lawrence.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Paul Condon outlined several new measures in his submission to the Lawrence Inquiry earlier yesterday, which he said would help combat racism within the force, and improve the way it handles racial-

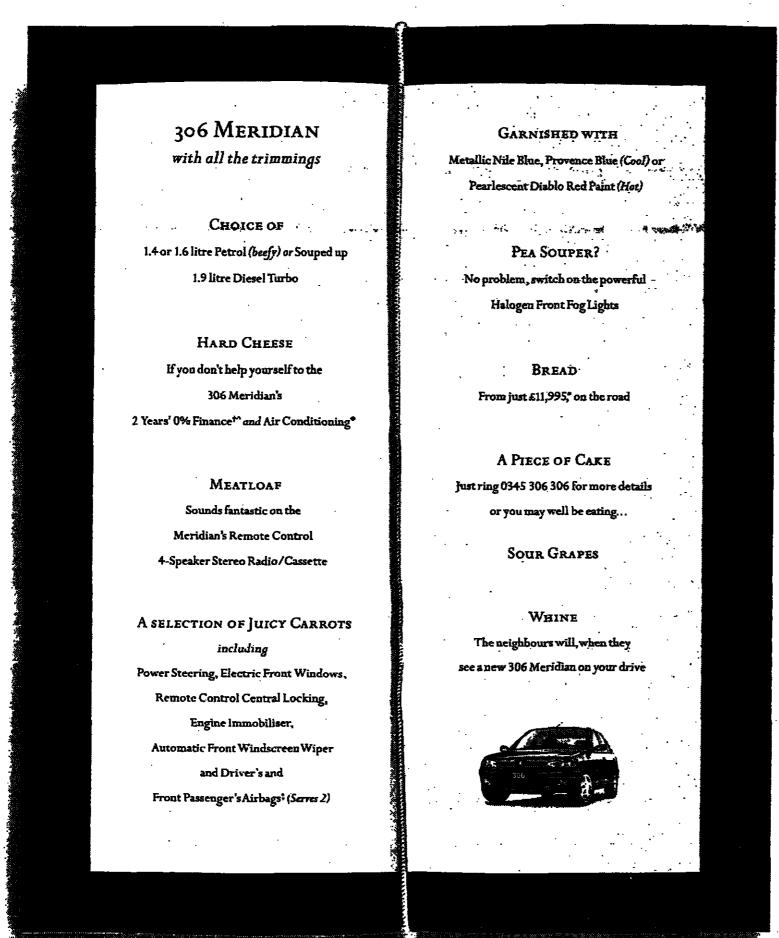
y motivated crime. Sir Paul Condon said: "We fividuals and communities in charged.

THE METROPOLITAN Police is London, police action may be perceived and experienced as recist, regardless of the intent behind the actions. One some occasions the racist behaviour may be intentional on the part of the police officers."

Sir Paul said future selection procedures would include a test of the candidate's awareness of race issues, which would be open to external scrutiny. The Metropolitan Police force also proposes monitoring how many people from ethnic communities are stopped ecognise that, in the eyes of in- and searched, arrested and

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Safety at work: Judge slams mining industry's 'appalling and cynical disregard' for health and safety of its workers



Raymond Chapman, who can barley use his hands: 'They're not good for much'

Miners win fight for £500m payout

BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE

TROUSANDS of miners who suffered a debilitating condition as a result of years spent working at the coalface yesterday won their historic battle for

In a decision that could see up to £500m paid in compensation, the Court of Appeal ruled that British Coal was iable for all cases of Vibration White Finger (VWF), or Raynaud's disease in its miners The condition, which affects the functioning of the hands and fingers, is caused by prolonged exposure to vibration - typically from pneumatic drills or other such tools.

The ruling comes as the Government waits to learn how much money it will have to pay out to former miners claiming compensation for breathing in coal dust. There are up to 50,000 miners claiming.

Yesterday, three Court of Appeal judges ruling on VWF id that the Coal Board, run by the Department of Trade and Industry since privatisation, should have warned the miners of the dangers they faced. They should also have carried out more checks on the miners. Lord Justice Judge, who

Another solicitor, Andrew

worked in it."

alised industry could be run

with such appalling, and at

times cynical, disregard for the

health and safety of those who

cases representative of 25,000 Tucker, a partner of Irwin Mitchell, added: "The war has others, said: "Provided the condition is recognised in its early been won by the miners and we minor form it will normally be have shown that the Government's decision to appeal cured by removing the employee in question from work against the compensation levels was always misconceived."

with vibrating tools."
One solicitor who repre-The legal action dated from sented many of the miners, Roger Maddocks of Thomp-1991, when thousands of miners claimed for compensation. Since then there have been sons, said the Government's appeal had been pointless. two High Court trials and two appeals. While British Coal had "Taxpayers will now pick up the bill," he said. "They should admitted it did nothing to mindemand to know how a nationimise the risk of injury, it was

> suffering from VWF. After yesterday's ruling the energy minister, John Battle, promised that the Government

not prepared to admit that any

of the miners were actually

sation claims were dealt with quickly. Up to 3,000 of the more seriously affected miners could expect interim payments of £1,000 within three weeks. Damages awards challenged by British Coal ranged from £5.456 to £50,546.

Mr Battle said: "We sought clarification because we believed that was the prudent and responsible course of action. We now have that clarification. Miners with valid claims will be compensated fairly and in line with the court's ruling.

"We were certainly not out to reduce levels of compensation below what the court deems fair This was not a cost reduction exercise but about delivering fairness and justice.

Arthur Scargill, the president of the National Union of Mineworkers said: "The decision means thousands of miners will benefit. It vindicates the long campaign conducted by the National Union of Mineworkers for justice for all miners suffering from this

dreadful disease. Up to 50,000 former miners are claiming compensation from the Government for the effects of breathing in coal dust. A Bristol court stayed a decision on the claims earlier this week.

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barely hold steady his cup of tea. A miner for 37 years, he spent 30 of them chipping away at the coalface of Barnborough

"It was a hard life. I was expected to fill 20 tons of coal in four hours using a pick and shovel." he said. "Sometimes you'd be up to your knees in water. It was a seven-and-aquarter-hour shift and I had to walk the three miles to and from work."

By his own admission Mr / Chapman is bitter with British Coal and feels he deserves any compensation. "Who knows been told what was happening.

RAYMOND CHAPMAN can what I will do with it," he

Mr Chapman, from Rotherham, was 15 when he started working down the mine, following in the footsteps of his father. For the first few months he worked hauling the coal but then he was moved on to the

In 1982 his hands started to show the effects of Vibration White Finger. A few years later hugely disappointed and - he was forced to retire on the grounds of ill

"I gave the mine the best compensation he can get. His years of my life," said Mr Chapsolicitor is currently "doing the man, who has four grandchilpaperwork" and he hopes to get dren. "I think I deserve the several thousand pounds in compensation. I should have

I am not the only person in this situation – there are a lot of us

who have put in for this. "There was obviously a lot more money around when you were working, a lot more money coming in than when

Mr Chapman, whose son is an electrician at the same mine, said he can now barely use his hands

"They're not good for much. I can't do much with them," he said. "I can't do much gardening because I can't hold things and I can't pull the weeds up and stuff

"I have also got arthritis in my knees from all the water and damp. It was hard work all

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FT journalists lose battle for damages

FOUR JOURNALISTS have By DIANA BLAMIRES failed in their High Court battle to seek damages for "injuries to their upper limbs" which they claimed they suffered while working as sub-editors at the Financial Times.

Mr Justice Ian Kennedy yesterday ruled in favour of the newspaper in claims brought by Paul Hannon. Philip Little, Patrick Stiles and Akwemajhovi Amosu.

The judge said: "I remain unpersuaded that the plaintiffs have on the balance of probability suffered from the physical problems they variously set out to establish."

The journalists had argued that they suffered biomechanical personal injuries, while the FT had claimed that the prob-

lems were psycho-social. In his ruling, the judge made it clear that the case was not about Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI), stating: "No doctor has argued that such a syndrome exists ... Each plaintiff has complained of specific musculo-skeletal disorders which are familiar in everyday medical practice."

The plaintiffs had alleged negligence and breach of statutory duty by the newspaper during the latter part of 1988. They had claimed that the newspaper did not create a safe working environment when it introduced new technology in 1987.

Mr Justice Kennedy noted: "The paper, in denying liabili-

ty, has accepted that these four plaintiffs have indeed suffered nain alheit its case is that they have not suffered any person al injury; and certainly no injury for which it is answerable."

But the judge held that none of the plaintiffs, who were supported in the case by the National Union of Journalists. had "established a material breach of duty, whether common law or statutory, against the paper, and my judgment must be for the defendant".

After the hearing, Robin Pauley of the Financial Times said: "It confirms that the FT is a prudent and decent employer which was in no way negliger in introducing screen-based technology to the editorial department.

Huntsman jailed for 'cruel beating' of protester

A HUNTSMAN who has ridden with the Prince of Wales was jailed for 15 months yesterday for attacking and robbing one of the directors of the League Against Cruel Sports.

Anthony Kirkham, 53, a farmer, kicked Christopher Owen in the head during what the judge called a "cruel beating" and ripped a £1,300 camera from his neck, after spotting him filming the Cheshire Hunt at Hoofield Hall. Huxley, near Tarporley:

Kirkham, of Ridley Farm, Ridley, near Tarporley, had previously been given a 12-month suspended sentence for attacking hunt protesters.

His trial earlier in the week heard how Mr Owen, 42, a driving instructor, had been photographing the hunt, which Kirk- Canon camera from his neck. ham was following with a group of men in a Land-Rover because he was giving his horse

Mr Owen told the court a huntsman pointed him out to the men in Kirkham's Land-Rover, which drove towards him at speed. He was chased across a field and through a ditch before being caught and sprayed in the face with a liquid by one of the men. He was

Kirkham then approached and told him: "We have got you now. Owen, you're dead." The defendant kicked him in the head and he was kicked about the head and body several more times. Kirkham dragged him to his feet and ripped the

When he went to the Land-Rover later and asked for his camera back Kirkham punched him in the chest and knocked him to the ground.

The judge, Mr Recorder Gerard Elias, told Kirkham, who had denied robbery, that he had been involved in a most serious assault.

"You targeted a man who was minding his own lawful business and subjected him to hit over the head with a bottle. a cruel beating which involved you kicking him in the face with your Wellington boot," he said. Mr Owen said afterwards he

feared he was going to be killed during the attack. "I was terrified. It was just

like a hunt in which I was the



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Abandoned baby cases have tripled

TEENAGE PREGNANCIES and By GLENDA COOPER lack of support for desperate women has seen the number of mothers abandoning their children treble in the past 10 years.

While the numbers remain small they are still occurring at the rate of more than one a week and children's charities warned they were a "cause for concern" with both mothers and children suffering dreadfully from an event that can mark the rest of their lives.

Earlier this month an hoursname Christine, was found dumped in a bag near the bins at an Aberdeen hospital. Last Christmas an appeal went out for the mother of "Noel" to come forward after she abandoned him at Plymouth Civic Centre after telling staff she could not cope. She was found some days later wandering the

Social Affairs Correspondent

that while only 22 mothers were recorded by the police as abandoning their child under the age of two in 1986, the numbers have grown steadily, to 65 in 1996.

With the teenage pregnancy rate one of the highest in Europe, all too often it is scared young girls who leave their babies to be cared for others says NCH Action For Children.

"Children are kept children old baby girl, now given the for longer, what with higher education ... there's a feeling that a lot of young people find that having sex is the only way to establish their adulthood," said Dr Lorraine Sherr, clinical

psychologist at the Royal Free thinks they are not the only ones however. "It is a very interesting phenomenon," she enough access to contraception cause they have been in denial

not the case now.

"One of the most common traits is that those who abandon babies are themselves abandoned. By that I mean we always forget about men in this scenario but the baby has two parents and the woman has nearly always been abandoned by the man.

teenagers, but older women have also abandoned their child. Dr Sherr says what is remarkable about women who abandon their babies is the lengths they will go to to ensure they are safe. "They will wrap their baby in a blanket or leave a note, will call 999 from a call box to stay they've found a baby and check that the baby is found," she said. "This is in stark contrast to the minority said. "In the past there wasn't who abandon their baby be-

or there was a stigma over about the pregnancy. They are single motherhood but that is far more likely to leave their baby under a bush or in a bag."

Felicity Collier, the director of the British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering, says that in most cases the birth mother and her child are reunited: "There are always a small proportion who aren't linked but now there are national appeals and the police can go round to the maternity hospital and the schools and Often, these mothers are the babies can be reunited with their mothers with appropriate

> For those who are not, the consequences can be devaspain for abandoned children because they do not know who they are," said Ms Collier. "They do not know what happened to their mother and do not know the reasons why she did it. They try to compensate but there can be a terrible feeling of rejection."



A mural inspired by Indo-Pakistani independence and the the centenary of Bradford was unveiled by its creators, pupils at Carlton Bolling College, yesterday

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Anglican summit split on gay rights

ANGLICAN BISHOPS have By CLARE GARNER failed to reach a consensus on homosexuality, admitting their views range from those who see it as a disorder which can be cured by the grace of Christ to those who would gladly sanction the ordination of gays and "there should be a moratorium on such practices."

After two weeks of discuswith sexuality have produced a report which owns up to the divisions within the Church on ho-

mosexuality. The bishops fall into four main categories, according to the report. They are: "Those who believe homosexual orithrough the grace of Christ people can be changed, aistruggle; those who believe that relationships between people of the same gender should not include genital expression, that this is the clear teaching of the Bible and of the Church universal, and that such activ-

ity (if unrepented of) is a barrier to the Kingdom of God; "Those who believe that committed homosexual relationships fall short of the biblical norm, but are to be same-sex unions. Many believe preferred to relationships that are anonymous and transient: and those who believe that the Church should accept and supsions behind closed doors, the port or bless monogamous bishops in the section dealing covenant relationships between homosexual people and that they may be ordained."

The report, which will be put before all 750 bishops at the Lambeth Conference next week, underlines the depth of division on homosexuality. Some would say it is a miracle entation is a disorder, but that it was discussed at all, given the extreme sentiments involved. African bishops threatened to when asked to sit through a presentation by gay, lesbian and bisexual Christians. In the event, the presentation was cancelled.

One African bishop asked why, if they were discussing homosexuality, they were not also

considering bestiality and child abuse. However, his views did not prevail, and homosexuality was not included in a list of "expressions of sexuality" the Church deems "inherently contrary to the Christian way" and "sinful." Such expressions were listed as including: "Promiscuity, incest, pornography, paedophilia, predatory sexual behaviour, sadomasochism (all of which may be heterosexual and homosexual), adultery, violence against wives, and fe-

male circumcision." Despite some African bishops' insistence that homosexuality is "a white man's disease", the report acknowledges "there are among us persons who experience themselves as having a homosexual orientation" without further `qualification. Indeed, the report Church. "We wish to assure them that they are loved by God, and that all baptised, believing and faithful persons. regardless of sexual orientation, are full members of the Body of

IN BRIEF

Angel of Mostar freed

CHARITY WORKER Sally Becker was expected back in Britain today after being freed from a Yugoslav jail in Kosovo. A Foreign Office spokeswoman said she was being deported after the government "pardoned" her. She had been serving 30 days for entering the country without a visa. Miss Becker, 37, dubbed the Angel of Mostar for her humanitarian work in Bosnia, had been seriously ill after a five-day hunger strike.

Ministers close teaching loophole MINISTERS YESTERDAY closed a loophole in the law to

prevent banned teachers from returning to the classroom. New rules will mean supply-teacher agencies will have to check whether staff are on the national list of people banned from teaching because of their past conduct or medical problems.

Scottish boy dies in Spanish fight

A SCOTTISH teenager has been killed during a fight in Spain. Justin Smith, 17, from Dennistoun, Glasgow, was struck on the head by the leg of a bar stool during a fight between Scottish and English football fans in Benidorm, according to reports. It is understood that he had stopped to watch the fracas on Monday when he was hit.

Dismembered body was call girl

DETECTIVES INVESTIGATING the murder of two prostitutes in a city's red-light district have discovered remains belonging to a third call girl. A severed head, two arms and a leg were found near a water pumping station in Hull but Humberside police are refusing to speculate as to whether the deaths are linked.

Pensioner denies war crimes

A PENSIONER yesterday denied committing war crimes by murdering four Jews. Anthony Sawoniuk, 77, a retired rail worker from Bermondsey, south London, appeared at the Old Bailer accused of killing them in Belarus in 1942. The trial is likely to be in February. Ball was renewed as was a condition that Mr Sawoniuk must not go abroad.

Glasgow set for wet record

OFFICIAL FIGURES show Glasgow's summer has been one of the wettest since records began. Glasgow Weather Centre said more rain fell in June and July than in any other year since 1938. And forecasters have said it is going to get worse before it gets any better.

HOWARD JACOBSON

'I was knocked down and trampled by a runaway donkey on Morecambe Sands on August the 1st'

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Caravan park boy is still missing

By BRIAN FARMER

HOPE WAS fading last night for a seven-year-old boy who vanished from a caravan park tor fif

while on holiday with his family. Raymond Southall, of West Bromwich, West Midlands, disappeared shortly after fishing with his father Dean, 31, at the Billing Aquadrome leisure park, Northampton, on Thurs-

day afternoon. More than 100 police officers searched the 235-acre park throughout Thursday night and yesterday.

Raymond's mother, Sharon Southall, 31, and his grandfather, also called Raymond Southall, 52, appealed for help in tracing the boy.

The holiday park, which houses about 1,000 caravans, is built on the site of old gravel pits and contains about 12 leisure lakes or ponds. It is bordered by the River Nene.

Chief Superintendent Bob Thorogood, who is leading the investigation, said the area was a "nightmare" to search.

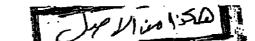
He said police had unearthed no positive sightings of Raymond since early yesterday afternoon.

Raymond's family said the boy had been fishing with his father near the family caravan at a small pool on the park.

At about 2.30pm he left his father, saying he was cycling to his grandparent's caravan. about two minutes ride away, to get another fishing rod. He was not seen again

Raymond's grandfather said members of the family spent about four hours searching before calling in police.

Mr Southall, a steel worker, said of his son: "He would not let anyone take him. He has been brought up not to talk to



Cool Britannia makes tour trade hot

SUMMER 1998 is putting smiles on the faces of travel agents as BY NICOLE VEASH last-minute tourists desperate to will be at full brochure price or escape Britain's dreary weather pay top prices for a place in

In one of the gloomiest summers for years, thousands are up the prices of its most popumissing out on the usual shortnotice bargain breaks. Most travel agents warn that the few remaining holidays on offer

more. Airtours Holidays, a leading package-tour operator, has taken advantage of the late surge in bookings by bumping lar destinations by an average

telling them to maximise their "mutual earning potential".

Anita McErlean, director of said: "We are selling out very weather. Price increases are principally for the peak period of school holidays when de-

mand is exceptionally high." Earlier this week the com-pany sent a letter to its agents although legal, was condemned

Hegarty, said: "This is very corporate communications, bad practice for the consumer. It is unfair, and we would advise fast, mainly because of poor people to go with those companies that stick to the

> brochure price." Debbie Bloor, of the tour operator Thomson, admitted that this year popular destinations such as Majorca and Ibiza

by the National Consumer were far from cheap for sun-Council Its spokesman, Rory seeking families.

Holiday-makers can still get 14-night half-board breaks in Majorca at £585 per person, or in Ibiza at £653 with Thomson, but Ms Bloor admitted they were "not outstanding deals".

She said: "Consumers need to be very flexible this year. Demand is nearly outstripping supply, so they need to take departure point

"We try to discourage people waiting for last-minute deals by offering discounts earlier in the season. Although our brochure price is the ceiling price cus- around 5 per cent up on last

tomers will have to pay." The Association of British Travel Agents admitted that this all used fluid pricing policies in could be the best year so far for

More people are going away this year than ever before because of the bad weather and

the good exchange rate. "The industry is already

"The big tour operators have the past three years, although

whatever is on offer, to what-ever destination, from whatever head of corporate affairs, said: company operating this way at the moment'

The mainstream tour operator Cosmos still has plenty of holidays in Tenerife and the

Algarve. A spokeswoman said: "We've got no bargain-bucket deals but there are still plenty of places for those wanting to get

... but is a dampener for the ice cream vendor

GEOFFREY HOCKING is a fourth-generation partner in Hockings ice cream company in Devon. "The lack of sun may mean fewer tourists but those who do holiday here, as well as our regular local customers. buy ice-creams whatever the weather. Stoicism in the face of adversity is part of our British make-up. So if people have come here to relax, they'll make absolutely sure that they enjoy themselves. And what better enjoyment is there than a home-made ice cream with a generous dollop of Devon clot-

...the resort landlord

JIM NORRIS owns the Apollo guest-house in Hastings, East Sussex. "My main enemy this year has been the World Cup more than the weather. The grey and dull summer has lost me business, as many people have opted for a holiday abroad. The repercussions of a World Cup on our doorstep though. have been far more severe. East Sussex usually attracts many Swedes and Norwegians during the summer months, but this year I've barely had to use my phrase-books. Most visitors are making a last-minute, impromptu decision to come here. Hopefully. August will prove to be a more fruitful



Geoffrey Hocking sells his wares at the resort of Westward Ho! in Devon. People enjoy themselves regardless of the weather, he says

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Where to **GET AWAY**

PROSPECTIVE holidaymakers who have not yet booked their holidays still have plenty of options.

Smaller operators say they have no intention of raising prices to take advantage of peak-season demand. John Harding, managing director of Travelscene, said "Our holidays will remain at published brochure prices, and we have

good availability." City-break bargains are also beginning to appear, with Paris Travel Service selling weekends in the French capital for £99, and the Thomas Cook subsidiary Time Off of-fering one night in Madrid for

For more exotic destinations, there is no shortage of options. Neil Taylor of Regent Holidays said air fares to Peking are good value at around £400 return.

Long-haul travel company Kuoni has just published a brochure dedicated to seasonal bargains. Those willing to endure a longer flight to an exotic location can pick up a week long holiday to Grenada for £499, flight and accommodation only, or for the same price, eight nìghts in Cuba full board.

With Sterling remaining strong, the best bet for a latenotice break could be a independently assembled holiday. The merger earlier this year of the two largest ferry companies across the English Channel, P&O and Stena, has not led to substantially higher fares for those wishing to cross the Channel, In addition this summer has seen more new destinations from no-frilis airlines than ever be

SIMON CALDER

...the shop owner

John o' Groats. But all the briskly: You would be surprised sandy beaches of Spain aren't how many people leave their

SANDRA SINCLAIR is man- from here. It gives you a feel- KEVIN BARRAND is Resorts Knitwear shop, in the most ly existing; there really is Scarborough. Deck-chair leas-"The bad weather has obviously tea-shop may be suffering from a patch on the view we enjoy umbrella at home."

... and the entertainer

ageress of the John o' Groats ing of living, rather than mere- and Entertainments Officer in the few short periods of sunnorth-easterly point in Britain. nowhere like it. Also, while the es are down 10 per cent from side though, the poor summer last year ... So we're all hoping weather has enabled our new discouraged potential tourists the lack of visitors, our outdoors the sun will come out before the sun-bed range to be launched from making the pilgrimage to shopping section is trading middle of August. It will all be with ease. We've yet to see any downhill from there if it doesn't. unruly confrontations ... be-At the moment, the beaches are tween over-keen tourists first predictably quiet, as most peo- thing in the morning."

ple are only using them during shine. Looking on the bright

Factor fifty clothes put sun creams in the shade

BY CLARE GARNER

THE EDWARDIANS had the right idea with their elegant hats and parasols, but technical advances in textile manufacturing have given rise to a new sun-protection factor.

In response to the depleting ozone laver, fashion designers are beginning to explore the use of sun-protective fabrics in their garments as a way of shielding the wearer's skin from the Sun's increasingly harmful rays. Just as sun creams have a sun-protection factor (SPF), so clothes are starting to have an ultraviolet protection factor (UPF).

Karen Scott, a graduate in fashion and millinery from the Royal College of Art and this year's winner of BT's £8,000 bursary for outstanding personal achievement, has designed a line of hats and modern parasols with a sun-protection factor of up to 50 UPF - higher than that pro-

vided by the average sun cream. Miss Scott's Chiaroscuro collection was inspired by her efforts to conceal her own pale skin from the Sun. "People don't realise how we can take fabrics into the future and find interesting and high-tech re-

shade myself, but I also want to land in the previous five years. maintain the grace of winter when I can feel good, comfortwith the conventional sun hat feel very special. I'm trying to confront that situation.



Designer Karen Scott's sun-protective hats

gories: the structured pieces A dark, heavy, closely woven and modern parasols, which create a well of shade, and soft voluminous scarves, which veil the neck and wrap the shoulders, some reaching down to

cover the hands. sun creams, world skin cancer ation catwalk show last month sponses to this changing cli-rates are still increasing. In mate," she said. "I thought it Britain. there are about 2,000 would be a fun exploration. deaths each year and, in 1992, knowing how I feel in the Sun. a study reported an 82 per cent "I'm always wanting to increase in melanomas in Scot-

Miss Scott is concerned about the general misconcepable and elegant. In summer, tion that textiles provide total protection against the effects of plonked on your head, you don't ultraviolet rays (UVR). Most summer clothing has a UPF of less than 15. The colour and

Her hats fall into two cate- shade of a fabric affect its UPF. 50 garment would enable a fairfabric has the highest UPF - the exact opposite of what the wearer is looking for in summer.

These findings prompted Miss Scott, 28, to research how to increase the UVR resistance Despite an increased use of of light shades and her graducaptured the serenity and grace of figures gliding through a bright white heat.

In order to achieve this blend of practicality and elegance in her "dress to protect" Chiaroscuro collection, Miss Scott used ultraviolet absorber products from a chemical company called Clariant UK. Once applied, the coating ensures that only 5 to 10 per cent of ultraviolet rays can pen-etrate the fabric. Wearing a UPF skinned wearer to spend an extra five hours in the Sun with-

Rui Xavier

Several companies have embraced the need for clothing with a high UPF factor, researching coatings and technical textiles which respond to the environment.

Two Australian companies, Kaola Konnection and Sting Ray, have produced a range of ultraviolet protective clothing. including swim suits for children. As part of its Sun Know How campaign, the Health Education Authority in Britain has learned up with the clothing company Retro UK Ltd to produce children's summer clothing out of fabrics with a



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UK declares total ban on landmines

BRITTONYESTERDAY sought to

DEFENCE
BY BARRIE CLEMENT take the moral high ground or bringing in a total ban.

The announcement by George Robertson, Secretary of State for Defence, anticipates an international law on the issue. He is trying to put pressure on countries, including the US Russia, China India. the world Turkey and Pakistan, that have failed to sign the Ottawa Convention banning the weapons.

Air Robertson declared the prohibition on nunes ahead of the anniversary of the death of Diana Princess of Wales, a leading figure in the campaign to ban them.

last year, but they could have been used in "exceptional cir-cumstances". From yesterday there will be no exemptions.

In answer to Chris Mullin. Labour MP for Sunderland South, Mr Robertson said that orders had been issued to all Command Headquarters and training establishments banning mines.

Labour Editor

"We intend this to be an international example to others." Mr Robertson said. Britain is already destroying stockpiles and helping in "de-

mining" projects throughout Earlier Mr Robertson said the Government was making a concerted effort to persuade other countries to sign the treaty, expected to come into

force later this year. He told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "The most professional army in the world British forces introduced a now has said that this is not a moratorium on mines in May system that is morally correct or militarily useful.

"There is a buge problem out there of countries who have still not signed. We must use Britain's moral authority to make sure our position becomes the international stan-

Ian Bray, of Oxfam, welsion and said that the previous Tornado jets on Iraqi airfields.

policy of allowing the use of the weapons in exceptional circumstances constituted a huge anomaly".

Forty countries would need to sign the convention before it ssed into international law. By yesterday 37 nations had signed. Mr Bray pointed out that the US was refusing to adopt the policy because it contends that it needs to use antipersonnel landmines in Korea. But America has indicated it was seeking alternatives to the weapons and aimed to ratify the

treaty by the year 2002. Lou McGrath of the Mines Advisory Group, a charitable organisation involved in clearing operations in Angola, Northern Iraq, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, believes the British Army He pointed out that the UK was often involved in Nato operations with the USA and Turkey both of which would still deploy the weapons.

Mines were last used by the United Kingdom in the Gulf War comed the Government's deci- when they were dropped by



George Robertson, with L/Cpl Nikki Nunn of the Royal Logistics Corp, helps to destroy landmines



A Transport question: can we go now?

A DEMOB-HAPPY House of Commons met for the last time before the summer recess to hear the new Minister of Transport, Dr John Reid, unveil the Govern-

European beaches, some MPs were dressed as though they were Gatwick-bound as soon as the House rose. Douglas Hogg (C, Sleaford & their own constituencies. North Hykeham) was in a flannels, while Bob Marshall-Andrews (Lab, Medway) wore a lightweight powderblue suit ready for the airport

Dr Reid, who is popular on all sides, took the House by storm in a confident performance, having had 72 hours in his post to mug up on 147 decisions. He announced that building roads will not be the first option but that motorists would be helped by investment in road maintenance.

The Tory spokesman Gillian Shephard gave Dr Reid a generous welcome but her response, which began well, went on and on, incurring the wrath of the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, who flanked Dr Reid. When Mrs Shephard came

to her peroration "jams today and jams tomorrow", Mr Prescott reverted to his backbench hooligan days with sedentary comments: "Pathetic. What a load of rubbish. You've asked 115 questions." Dr Reid said he would ignore the 110 "which were merely casting abuse". He reminded the Opposition that they had only built one bypass in 1996-97. "One!" bellowed Mr Prescott. The minister said that the Tory programme of bypasses he inherited was a "fantasy football wish-list which were

never planned or funded". Dr Reid ended his exchange with Mrs Shephard clearly on top of his brief, earning a public backslap from Mr Prescott: "That's only after 72 hours in the job." The minister then faced individual questions from about 30 backbenchers, from

all sides, specific to

ment's roads review. With suitcases packed for

> Matthew Taylor (Truro & mocrat transport spokesman felt the cut in the bypass programme was Treasury costcutting rather than a conscious environmental policy. He drew groans from Mr Prescott when he said: "This

> > than Green. Dr Reid shot back: "I presume they are as united on this as they are on other policies. I look forward to hearing the other six views", as he glowered at the remaining six MPs next to Mr Taylor.

statement is more Brown

The minister fielded dozens of questions ranging from the Bingley relief road. the Great Barford bypass through to the Winterbourne Stoke bypass and not forgetting the Heddon road improvement scheme. He must have spent the past three days like a rookie London taxi driver mugging up on his A-Z of street names. He was helped surreptitiously by Mr Prescott, who muttered the odd prompt in his ear, and if he had forgotten the odd detail he had the wit to fall back on the timehonoured but perfectly acceptable ministerial copout: "I will write to my Hon-

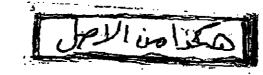
ourable Friend". We got to the end but nearly lost our holidays when the government whip Robert Ainsworth was called upon by Madam Speaker. He sat tight, didn't move and said nothing. "Adjournment," she shrieked. "Move the adjournment." He finally cottoned on and lumbered to his feet. "I beg to move this House do now adjourn." Madam Speaker shot off like a bat out of hell and packed her bikini as MPs followed suit.



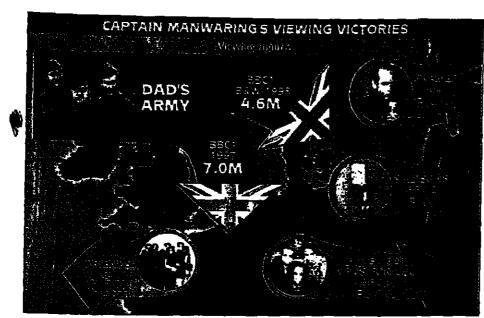
Crime and Disorder Bill wins assent

THE CRIME and Disorder Bill, cracking down on nuisance neighbours and bringing faster justice for youths, gained Royal Assent yesterday after ministers bowed to the Lords

and left out a move to cut the gay age of consent to 16. Royal Assent was also announced for the Government of Wales Bill, devolving administration to a Welsh Assembly: the National Minimum Wage Bill, allowing ministers to set a minimum wage of £3.60 an hour for adults and £3 for young people; and the Budget-enacting Finance Bill.



'How Dad's Army won the ratings war



THE SUCCESS of Dad's Army is summed up in a line from its first episode when the bumptious Capt Mainwaring says: The machine guns could have La clear field of fire from here to Timothy White's, if it wasn't for that woman in the telephone

That formula, a classic celebration of the British amateur, reached its 30th anniversary yesterday, still pulling in millions of viewers for the BBC.

The surviving members of the cast, including Clive Dunn. Bill Pertwee and Ian Lavender, joined the sitcom's writers David Croft and Jimmy Perry for a reunion at the Imperial War Museum in London to mark the transmission of the first episode in July 1968.

Eighty episodes were made, telling of the war-time adventures of Capt Mainwaring and the motley crew of the Walm-

ington-on-Sea Home Guard. That first, black and white eries is being re-shown on BBC 2 and attracting 4.6m viewers, making it the channel's third-highest show in the ratings. It is outperforming BBC 2 repeats of Have I Got News For You. and almost matching Channel 4's expensive import Friends.

When the series was shown on BBC 1 last year at a peak hour on Saturday nights it had an average of 7 million viewers and a 40 per cent share of viewing, beating more contemporary comedies, such as The Simpsons, in the same slot.

BY PAUL MCCANN **Media Editor**

of "Who do you think you are kidding Mr Hitler" it drew 21 million viewers, more than soap heavyweights such as Coronation Street and EastEnders

Geoffrey Perkins, the BBC's head of comedy, believes the show has been critically reevaluated since its first run. "A lot of contemporary comedy writers had thought it slapstick, but watching it again they appreciate the characterisation and the writing.

"When it first appeared it was not thought likely to be a about how that got started," classic. It was regarded by one critic as full of gags, not char-acters, which is just nonsense. It was also regarded as controversial because it was still close to the war and it was thought to be disrespectful."

Graham Linehan, the cocreator of Father Ted, says creating a classic can be a matter of chance. "Hitting on a bunch of characters who work well together is almost entirely to do with luck. When Arthur Matthews and I started writing Father Ted we just wanted it to be funny, we didn't know you needed characters that work well together for it to be long-

Linehan believes Dad's Army was modern. "The first episode begins with them all made-up as even older, old men get something from it. Almost reminiscing about the war, so the whole thing is really one exclusive. And as a nation we At its peak the figures were long flashback – almost as if love the failing Brit. It's why we far higher. With its theme tune they knew it would be a classic. love Del Boy."

"It's genius. It is brilliantly weird having an army with an incontinent soldier and a corporal saying, 'Would you mind awfully falling in,' and them fighting about who gets to hold the gun. I love it."

The class warfare between Mainwaring and Wilson, once represented by a monocle, was a key element. When it was first being filmed BBC managers could never understand why the most upper-class officer, played by John Le Mesurier, was being ordered around by Arthur Lowe's middle-class bank manager.

"There are a lot of myths said Jimmy Perry yesterday. "But we decided it was funnier to have the grammar-school boy in charge of the public-school idiot. In fact they were both idiots, but in different ways. It is always funnier to have the idiots in charge. That's

how Fowlty Towers works too." Croft and Perry are not keen to analyse their comedy, but David Croft concedes they operated by rules. "It was wellintentioned, not harmful. Something happened, they didn't just sit on a sofa and talk, and although they were amateurs they would always win out in the end.

Kevin Lygo, Channel 4's head of entertainment, believes it is a classic because it is inclusive. "Old people and kids every classic comedy is non-



Ian Lavender, Clive Dunn and Bill Pertwee at the Imperial War Museum yesterday, and (below), Dad's Army in its heyday





Porridge Young Ones Absolutely Fabulous Last of Summer Wine Rising Damp Rise and Fall of Reggie Peniln Only Foots and Horses .likely Lads Hancock's Half Hour Steptoe and Son Father Ted Butterfles



Terry and June Robin's Nest Me and My Girl All Gas and Gaiters Father Dear Father Going Straight Bless This House Dear John-

Extraterrestrial clue to left-handedness

BY STEVE CONNOR Science Editor

ASTRONOMERS HAVE found evidence to support the controversial theory that the building blocks of life originated in outer space and were carried to Earth on comets about 4 billion years ago.

Scientists have discovered a phenomenon in the region of the Giant Nebula, a massive cloud of gas in the Orion constellation, which could explain why biological molecules on Earth are all "left handed". Organic molecules neces-

sary for life, such as amino acids, can exist in one of two forms, which are both right and left-handed mirror images of each other. But in practice they only occur in the left-handed form.

For the past 150 years, scientists have found it difficult to explain why the buildings blocks of life should all be lefthanded when it is just as easy to make the right-handed mirror image.

One possible explanation for the origin of biological lefthandedness is that it had an extraterrestrial source which meant that the earliest life forms began using left-handed



ed, could never use the righthanded forms. Early support for the idea bombarded

came with the discovery of an abundance of left-handed amino acids in a meteorite which fell in 1969 in the Murchison area near Victoria in New South Wales, Australia.

Scientists also found that the Murchison meteorite was about 4.5 billion years old, confirming that left-handedness in space predated the origin of life on Earth which occurred

about 3.8 billion years ago. This suggested that the organic molecules necessary for early lifeforms on Earth could on the back of comets or meteors during the period when the early world was heavily

Another feature of left-right symmetry in biological molecules was discovered in the 1930s. Scientists found that a type of light, called circularised polarised light, which can rotate either clockwise or anti-clockwise, can selectively destroy either right-handed or left-handed molecules depending on the direction the light is rotating.

A team of researchers, which included Professor James Hough of the University of Hertfordshire, report in the have come from space, riding current issue of the journal Science that they have now found a region of circularised polarised infrared light in a region of the Giant Nebula called the Orion Molecular Cloud 1.

We know that new stars are being formed here, and we also know that organic molecules are present. This region may well be similar to the region in which our own solar system formed," Professor Hough said.

The circular polarised light in the region we investigated could imprint a preferred handedness in any organic molecules in the region, including those in a cloud beguin. collapse to form a star and its planets," he said.

"These results therefore suggest that the suitability of our planet for life may be as much a consequence of the environment in which our solar system formed as of the local conditions on the early Earth."

Professor Hough said that al-though the discovery falls short of proof that life's building blocks came from outer space. "We believe it's the most plausible explanation to date."

The astronomers made their discovery using the Anglo-Australian Telescope near Coobabaraban in New South Wales and using instruments made at

Killer wins rhino horn fight

RHINO HORN worth nearly £3 million is to be returned to a convicted killer who plotted to sell it illegally, to the shock and

anger of the RSPCA. Yesterday the Court of Appeal refused to allow the Crown Prosecution Service to appeal to the House of Lords in the case of Wilfred Bull, In February he had been convicted of ed, but in June the Court of Apconspiring to sell the world's peal ruled that they should be largest rhino horn haul, a plot

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BY IAN SHOESMITH

he hatched from his prison cell where he was serving life for murdering his wife in 1986. Bull, 63, , was sentenced to 15 months to run concurrently.

The horns - used as an aphrodisiac and as medicine in the Far East - were confiscatreturned as they were collect-

ed before strict import con- a confusing message to those trois were introduced under the 1985 Control of Trade in Endangered Species Act.

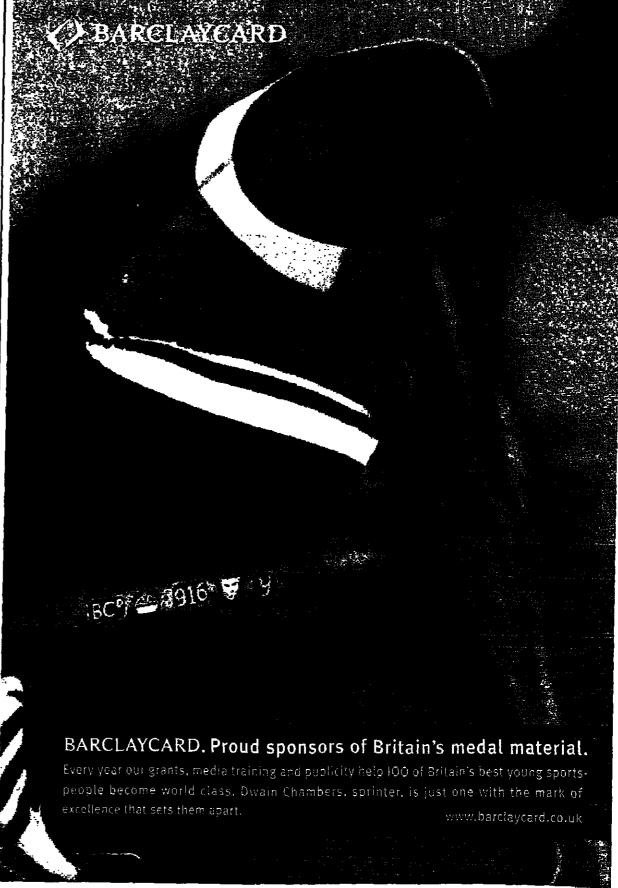
David Bowles, head of the RSPCA's international department, said: "This is an extremely disappointing result and one which will have severe ramifications worldwide.

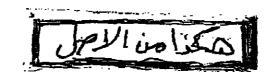
"By returning the horn to someone convicted of such a serious crime, we are sending out troduction of the earlier laws.

we are trying to influence. "Now there's the possibility that it's going to get back to the

international market."

Although the world ban on rhino horn sale started in 1985. similar laws were passed in the UK in 1976. The RSPCA said Bull should have been required to prove that the horns were brought into the UK before in-





Transport: £125m tunnel near Stonehenge survives, as dozens of building projects fall by the wayside in Whitehall

Ministers' red light for road schemes

EIGHTEEN major road By RANDEEP RAMESH schemes were axed and plans for 60 more were shelved despite overwhelming public demand for highways and bypasses, the Government's roads review revealed vesterday.

Nearly 90 per cent of responses to the year-long consultation on the review were in favour of road-building but ministers opted to proceed with only 37 of the 125 possible schemes. Ministers pointed out that 75 per cent of the responses in favour of road-building were prompted by "strong local lobbying campaigns".

The review also angered environmentalists by giving the green light to widening the busiest section of the M25 London orbital road between junctions 12 and 15 near Heathrow airport, intensifying speculation that the go-ahead will be given for the expansion of Heathrow Terminal 5 The plans will see a short section of the highway expanded from 8 to 12 lanes. This nonsensical decision

Transport Correspondent

will make congestion to the west of London worse and eat up nearly £95m that could have been spent on public transport," said Roger Higman, spokesman for the environmental group Friends of the Earth.

Ministers defended the decision, saying this section was "heavily congested", with 200,000 vehicles a day, and that more capacity is needed".

Other high-profile schemes to be given the green light included the two-mile Polegate bypass outside Eastbourne and a one-and-a-half mile cut-andcover tunnel on the A303 near Stonehenge in Wiltshire.

John Reid, the transport minister, said one-third of the £125m bill for the tunnel would he met by the Department of Culture, Media and Sports. "It is in recognition that Stonehenge has an international reoutation as a beauty spot." he

said. Ministers promised all 37 John Prescott, the Deputy have exactly the same cong schemes in the £1.4bn roadbuilding programme would be started within seven years.

The review also included a number of radical measures aimed at easing congestion. Ministers are considering bus lanes and "multi-occupancy lanes" - which would be served for cars carrying more than one person - for the M25 motorway, to cut traffic jams.

Tolls, said Mr Reid, will play an important part in funding new road schemes. A pilot study will consider charging motorists to pay for a fourmile tunnel under the Devil's Punchbowl, a Surrey heathland which is home to many rare birds and plants.

Charges paid by motorists using the Dartford crossing in London, which amount to £60m a year, will be switched early next century to funding road improvements after the crossing's development costs have been covered.

The Hull constituency of

Prime Minister, who is in charge of transport, will be a beneficiary of the review, with nearby A1033.

The roads lobby, however, said it was "disappointed" that the bulk of the schemes reviewed would be deferred or dropped. As well as the 18 schemes withdrawn from the national programme, a further 19 have been placed in the control of local highway authorities. and it will be up to them, or up to the new Greater London au-

them forward as local schemes. In addition, 44 schemes will be considered under the new appraisal method by Mr Reid. They will be reviewed by regional planning conferences as fransport problems requiring broad solutions, not necessarily road solutions".

thority, to decide whether to take

Richard Diment of the BRF, which represents road-builders, said: "The widening of the M25 is welcome, but the M6 and M1

tion problems which could be alleviated by widening.

Edmund King, head of camaigns for the RAC, said: "The Government's integrated transport policy is in danger of bypassing roads due to severe

cuts to the roads programme. "The Government must remember that integrated transport includes roads, and buses cars, cycles and trucks all have to run on the roads."

Among the schemes which have been axed are the A49 Hereford bypass and the M1 J10-J14 widening in Hertfordshire. "Trunk roads have a vital role to play in our transport system - but they cannot be looked at in isolation," said Mr Reid.

He said the review signalled an end to the old Tory policy of having a "wish list" of road schemes, many of which had no real hope of ever being built.

The Liberal Democrats said some towns and villages needed bypasses and these should have staved in the programme.

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Berkhamsted blossoms with blooms, and bollards, since its bypass was built

Beacon bypass project

breathes life into town



... but village finds fewer cars mean higher speeds

WHEN THE bypass around Berkhamsted in Hertfordshire was opened five years ago it halved the amount of traffic in the town centre and drastically reduced the number of road accidents.

The prosperous conumuter heartland and former market town was one of six places to benefit from an initiative by the last government to invest in bypasses whilst simultaneously developing the road system within the town centre.

Adequate provision was made for pedestrians, cyclists and other vulnerable road users, so that other towns and villages could learn how to avoid being overwhelmed by in- able transport projects at Hert-

By LINUS GREGORIADIS

creased local traffic when their bypasses were built.

The other six towns selected to participate in the "Bypass Demonstration Project" were Dalton-in-Furness in Cumbria, Whitchurch in Shropshire, Market Harborough in Leicestershire, Wadebridge in Cornwall and Petersfield in Hampshire The British Roads Federa-

tion, the pro-roads lobby, backed the initiative and said that bypasses generated more economic benefits than was generally realised.

Rob Smith, head of sustain-

bypass had been a great suc-

"It gave us an opportunity to redistribute the road space in favour of shoppers. It took the space away from the car and

The Government put in about £1m and the county council and the borough put in another £1m to improve the road layout. It has brought quite a change in the environment. It also cut the amount of accidents

by half." Mr Smith added: "The perreption is that the bypass and the other work have breathed life back into the town. There

fordshire County Council, said are more visitors coming into vesterday that Berkhamsted's the shoos. The town is definitely thriving and it has been helped

by the bypass." Ron Cowie, chairman of Berkhamsted and District Chamber of Commerce, said that traffic had gradually increased since the bypass was opened in autumn, 1993.

He said: "Since the bypass was built the traffic is not as bad as it was but a lot of traffic has come back. Shortly after it was opened a new Waitrose opened.

The bypass has improved communications with other towns and that may have been one of the reasons why we have more office premises and light industrial premises."

THE BYPASS of Batheaston and By LINUS GREGORIADIS Swainswick in Avon has been condemned because of a failure

to introduce effective trafficcalming measures in Batheaston's town centre. The £75m stretch of road made the headlines before it was opened two years ago

when Bel Mooney, the author and wife of Jonathan Dimbleby, joined the campaigners protesting against the devel-In 1994 she went on an eight-

day fast to protest against the 2.6-mile bypass cutting through an Iron Age fort near the couple's home at Swainswick. Supporters of the new road, which cost £75m, say it has re-

duced traffic and pollution in the places it bypasses The Department of Transport claimed that it was "set to improve the lives of thousands of local people" and that there would be "far fewer lorries thundering past their doorsteps, a much better envi-

ronment to live in and the chance to recapture some of the tranquillity that has been so sorely lacking in recent years". It was hailed as a quicker route for motorists commuting

to and from Bath. However, many people in Batheaston continue to complain about the traffic in the

High Street because the remaining motorists exploit the a lot of difference. freedom to drive more quickly in the absence of successful

traffic-calming measures. Rebecca Wilcox, who has lived in the town for 25 years, said yesterday: "There has been some traffic calming but there is a terrible problem with speeding. We don't have so many lorries now but the cars which still drive through the town go much faster. It used to

increased the amount of park-

ing allowed on the road to slow

Eight jailed after three

be one long traffic jam." She added: "I think sleeping policemen might work better than the chicanes that have been introduced. They have

things down but it hasn't made

People in nearby Bathampton say there has been an increase in traffic there, caused by motorists trying to avoid con-

gestion caused by the bypass. "In peak periods there can be a 45-minute wait for traffic trying to get on to the new western bypass roundabout," Ms Wilcox said.

But she added: "Just about everyone who lives on the Batheaston Road wanted the bypass. The situation was intolerable, with lorries going right past people's front doors. Before it was built two old ladies were killed and children were always getting knocked over.

Nurse disciplined for TV broadcasts of dispensing drugs

UNION LEADERS are seeking an urgent meeting with the Department of Health after a nurse was disciplined for administering drugs.

The public service union Unison says that Susan Shine. 35, an occupational health nurse who worked for Cleveland police authority, was providing medicines in the same way as "tens of thousands" of her colleagues every day all over the country.

While there is a degree of latitude over nurses' use of drugs. there is considerable confusion over what is allowed.

The United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting (UKCC) "cautioned" Ms Shine for giving vaccinations, antibiotics and painkillers to police officers. despite a decision by the Crown Prosecution Service that a prosecution would not have been "in the public interest".

BY BARRIE CLEMENT

Unison wants a meeting with Frank Dobson. Secretary of State for Health, in an attempt

to clear up the confusion. Bob Abberley, head of health at the union, said that unless the situation was clarified his organisation would advise its nursing members to refuse to administer medicines without the authority of a doctor. The union is also considering legal

action against the authority. If nurses refused to prescribe drugs it could lead to problems in key areas of public health when nursing staff are often forced to operate without

the supervision of doctors. Mr Abberley claimed the reference to the UKCC, a statutory professional body, had followed a complaint of sexual discrimination by Ms Shine.

The union official said that

Ms Shine had vaccinated police officers against hepatitis B after they were bitten by suspects and had also administered painkillers to patients.

"There is no question that she is a first-class nurse and there has never been any accusation that there were any ill-effects from her work. It is custom and practice all over the country for nursing staff to administer the kind of drugs prescribed by Ms Shine."

A spokesman for the UKCC said that only nurses with special training or in designated areas were allowed to give certain medicines and Ms Shine was in neither category.

The Royal College of Nursing said that technically the body was correct but the law had not caught up with nursing practice. Although the "caution" would stay on her record for five years, it was the most lenient penalty open to the UKCC.

police raids are attacked by judge

THE GROWING practice of the media being invited to attend police raids during crime investigations and immediately broadcasting what they have seen was strongly criticised in the High Court yesterday.

A judge called for new Home Office guidance to police forces on relations between police and the media as he gave judgment in the case of a London shop-owner who protested that he was "humiliated on television" during a search for ille-

gally held stuffed animals. Lord Justice Rose said that 'save in exceptional circumstances it did not seem to him to be in the public interest for procedures such as the execution of search warrants and interviews of suspects that might involve innocent people to be published in the media

He added: "For my part, I

would deplore a general practice by any police force of inviting the media along to be present when investigative procedures are being undertaken."

Despite the criticism, Lord Justice Rose, sitting in London with Mr Justice Bell, dismissed an application for judicial review by Robert Sclare, who protested over his ordeal when his shop Get Stuffed, in Islington, north London, was raided in March

Up to 30 police officers, accompanied by reporters, a television crew, officials from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and campaigners against the trade in wild animals, were involved in the raid. The judges ruled that al-

though the raid caused them sons' wives, a male cousin and disquiet, there was no illegali-

decades of sex abuse EIGHT PEOPLE - including By GLENDA COOPER

four members of the same family – were yesterday jailed for their part in a sex abuse ring in the West Country which remained undiscovered for more than three decades.

In what is believed to be the largest number of offences by one family ever brought to court, nine people were convicted of a total of 79 charges of rape, indecent assault and serious sexual offences between 1961 and 1995. One was given a suspended sentence.

Both children and grandchildren were abused, and Judge William Taylor told the packed Crown Court that what took place over 35 years was wickedness beyond belief."

The sentencing included the grandparents of the family, two of their sons and one daughter as well her husband, one of the an elderly neighbour.

Social Affairs Correspondent

The judge jailed the grandfather of the family for 25 years, telling him he had "dragged" his wife and family into abuse.

His wife was jailed for a total of 14 years by Judge Taylor, who told her she had "totally abrogated" her responsibility as a mother because she had known from the beginning what her husband was doing to their children.

The grandparents had had seven children - three sons and four daughters. "You corrupted each in turn," the judge told the couple. The children were encouraged or forced to abuse each other, and other family members, neighbours and friends were invited to "use"

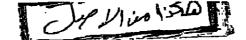
began into suspicions of abuse in 1992, but there was insuffi-

cient evidence to bring charges. The abusers were finally brought to the dock in 1996 when more information came to light.

The couple's son-in-law was jailed for 18 years and his wife. was sentenced to two years. sentence suspended for two years, after admitting a charge

of rape involving her daughter. Two of the grandparents' three sons also appeared in the dock. One was convicted of offences involving his two daughters and two nieces and jailed for 14 years. His wife was jailed for five years. The other son, who had also been abused, was convicted of one offence of raping one of his sisters at knifepoint when he was 16,

and was jailed for three years. The others who were jailed Police investigations first of the family jailed for 16 years included an elderly neighbour and a male cousin jailed for five



ty or impropriety.



President Clinton at the inauguration of North Carolina's New River as an "American Heritage" River

Presidency hits a new ratings low

THE WHITE House spin machine went into action yesterday to counter the revelation that "that dress" had been sent to FBI laboratories to be tested for semen stains.

The sordid nature of the allegations, however, and the implicit confirmation that the dress - which has been at the centre of rumour and innuendo since January – does really exist, plunged the standing of the US Presidency, even in the eyes of liberal commentators, to one of its lowest points on

luckiest man on earth" might finally be running out. Is Bill Clinton - a President so gifted, but oh so flawed - finally cornered? An older, perhaps wiser, Monica Lewinsky, just turned 25, is talking about what she told her friend Linda Tripp was an

in Washington

the precincts of the Oval Office. The independent prosecutor, Kenneth Starr, is now in possession of highly damaging evidence, including the dress. How can the great escape artist possibly get out of this? Mr Clinton is on record as

denying a sexual affair. He de-nied it in his sworn testimony in the Paula Jones sexual hasment suit and he denied it again in his "I did not have sexual relations with that woman" statement. The questioning in the Paula Jones case went to great lengths to clarify exactly what Mr Clinton was denying, and this included oral sex.

The line of questioning was helieved to stem from reports that Mr Clinton drew a distinction between oral sex and sexual intercourse for personal moral purposes. His denials

If the dress tests negative and Mr Clinton persists with his outright denials, it is possible that the investigation ends in stalemate: a "he said/she said" dispute, where the circum-Lewinsky's version, but nothing clinches the argument absolutely. Then, Mr Clinton may well be off the hook; tarnished, but - as so often - off the book.

If the tests and a DNA test on a Clinton hair prove the worst, though, then what? Washington punditry suggests that Mr Clinton might well decide to throw himself on the mercy of the American people.

That would entail an admission that when he gave evidence under oath in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, he committed perjury, and that his televised denial was also false. He could announce his in the Paula Jones case appear resignation, but past evidence

to have closed that escape suggests that Mr Clinton is no a quitter

shows that Mr Clinton is a master of the non-lie: the smoking but not inhaling, the near draft-dodging, the semi-affair with Gennifer Flowers. It must stantial evidence confirms Ms be possible that, strictly speaking, his sworn and public denials are true; that he did not have either intercourse or oral sex with Ms Lewinsky; that they fooled around, that things

went pretty far, but not that far. In that event, the legal case against him must be doubtful. He did not commit perjury. He observed the letter (if not the spirit) of the law.

The political case, ho will be for American voters and the Democratic Party to decide. When all is known, of what is a complicated story, Americans might well prefer to forgive a sinner who genuinely repents than one who pulled

How Clinton got through a long week

Friday, 24 July President Bill Clinton, his wife, daughter and dog set off for quiet weekend at the presi-dential retreat of Camp David in the Maryland hills.

As they depart, the White House spokesman, Mike Mc-Curry discloses that lawyers for Mr Clinton and the independent prosecutor, Kenneth Starr, have been discussing the possibility that Mr Clinton might testify in the Monica Lewinsky inquiry.

No sooner have the Clintons arrived at Camp David than news breaks of a shooting inside the Capitol. Two police have been shot dead, the presumed gunman is in

Linda Tripp testifies for eight days before grand jury, and Kenneth Starr subpoenas President



Saturday, 25 July Day of heartsearching and mourning in Washington following the shootings. Clintons hold surprise birth-

day party for President's brother at Camp David.

Late evening reports, subsequently confirmed by prosecutor's office, that Mr Clinton has been subpoenaed to give evidence in the Lewinsky case: he is first incumbent president to be required to testify to a grand jury in his own defence.

Sunday, 26 July Television talkshows mull over the telephone messages are the Capitol shootings and the nothing special.

By Mary Dejevsky

presidential subpoena, now confirmed by Mr Starr's office, but not by the White

Monday, 27 July Mr Clinton in New Mexico for forum on state pensions.

His friend and deputy White House counsel loses claim that his conversations with Mr Clinton are covered by lawyer-client confidentiality and must testi-

fy in Monica Lewinsky case. Reports confirmed that Ms Lewinsky has concluded meetmunity deal.

Tuesday, 28 July Mr Clinton delivers oration at Capitol memorial service for

ounce that she has reached ement with prosecutors she will give "full and truthful" testimony to the grand jury in return for full immunity from prosecution.

Wednesday, 29 July

Mr Clinton and his wife, Hillary address separate meetings at the White House: he on education, she on combating breast cancer. Mr Clinton's lawyer announces that the President will testify voluntarily to the grand jury on videotape. This decision allows the subpoena to be withdrawn. He will answer questions from the White House on Monday, 17 August, just before he goes on holiday. The White House confirms for the first time that a subpoena was served ~ on 17 July.

Linda Tripp, the woman who taped Ms Lewinsky's confessions, completes eight days of evidence before the grand jury.

Thursday, 30 July Mr Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore go to North Carolina to launch "save rivers" environmental project. First Capitol policeman buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

The prosecutor's office confirms that it is in possession of "that dress" and has sent it to FBI laboratories to be tested for semen stains. Media reports Ms Lewinsky has handed over tapes with messages from Mr Clinton from her answer-machine.

Friday, 31 July

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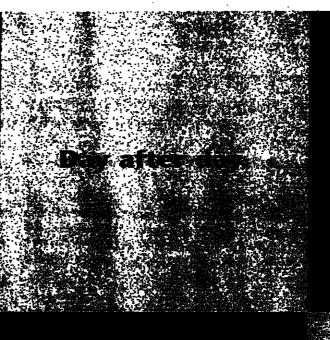
The pig is just not self aware enough to suffer pain in the same way as primates and humans.

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Business as usual: Mr Clinton answers questions about the second quarter GDP figures. then departs for fund-raising weekend in the Hamptons. Second policeman buried at

Arlington National Cemetery. Clinton camp tries to minimise damage, friendly lawyers say the dress has no stains and

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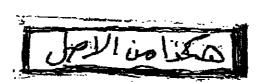
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Children playing in filthy water in the streets of Saddam City

The TRV9 digital camcorder with nightshot.

Sanctions reduce Baghdad to ruins

AT THE end of the Second BY PATRICK COCKBURN World War the allies were as- in Baghdad tonished to discover that the animals in Berlin zoo were all sveite and healthy, having received their exotic diets throughout the conflict. They concluded that strategic bombing was less successful in disrupting the German economy than they had expected.

Eight years of sanctions against Iraq have proved far more effective. Ani and Suker the two lions in Baghdad zoo. died in 1993 and 1996. Dr Adel Salman, the director of the 200, set in a sun-baked park in the centre of the city says they died "of malnutrition and diseases we couldn't treat".

Only one big cat, a four-year-old Bengal tiger named Malloh, remains in the 200, living on a diet of donkey meat bought in the local market. He does not look happy. He crouch-

es close to an ageing air-con-ditioner in a stable at the back of his cage to escape the torrid heat of summer in Bagirdad, where yesterday temperatures were close to 50 degrees centigrade.

Dr Salman, a former army officer with greying hair who has run Baghdad zoo, little frequented by Iraqis, for nine years, explains his difficulties as he struggles to keep his animals alive. Whatever expedients are tried, resources are not enough. There are bananas and apples available in the shops for the monkey but they are too expensive," he says. "We

feed them vegetables instead." Everywhere Iraq is full of people just failing to make do. Eight years of sanctions have proved far more devastating for

Iraq than three years of strategic bombing for Germany. The damage is cumulative. Prohibited from exporting oil except under UN control Iran has built no new power stations or water or sewage plants since 1990. It has not been able to buy spare parts for the old ones. which are increasingly obsolete.

Denis Halliday, the UN Humanitarian Co-ordinator for Iraq resigned this mouth in apparent frustration at his inability to persuade the UN that the Iraqi infrastructure is collapsing. In an interview earlier in the year he said: "Electricity is 40 per cent of what it used to be. We have estimated that we need \$10 billion and we are putting in \$300 mil-

What this means for ordinary Iraqis can be seen in the sweitering ward at the 335-bed Saddam Children's hospital in central Baghdad. The UN recently allowed in 10 incubators for babies. They are computer controlled and made in Japan but their manufacturers had apparently not imagined that they would be expected to function in temperatures which are well over 40 degrees centigrade because the hospital's air conditioning barely functions. As a result the sick and premature babies are placed in the incubators but their doors have to

stay open because of the heat. Far more is needed than food and drugs. The hospital has six Italian-made lifts but yesterday only one was working. Many of the patients are suffering from malnutrition. Dr Qais Muhsin points to twomonth-old Hanan Ahmed lying on a bed being fanned by his grandmother and says: "He has rickets or calcium deficiency. That is the first thing we look for in infants these days."

The malnutrition is not just because of lack of food. Despite food supplies deliveries to Iraq under the oil-for-food plan signed in 1996, a quarter of all Iraqis under five are malnourished according to a Unicefreport last year. A reason for this is what Lockton Morrisey, the we don't deserve it."

regional director of Care International, says is "the about mable state of the water supply and the collapse of the sewage system." Children, who are already mainourished get gastroenteritis and die.

A heatwave this summe severe even by the standards of the Mesopotamian plain, has made Iraqis deeply conscious of how far their infrastructure,

Dr Muhsin says: "The beat provides an excellent medium for bacteria to flourish. It makes the rivers more contaminated but people have to drink straight from the river be cause they are thirsty and there is no alternative."

Not everybody in Iraq is sick. Society still functions. though at a more primitive: level than before. There is construction activity, particularly in: the shopping streets in Baghdad. An Iraqi economist says: "It is cheap to build because you only have to pay a labourer the equivalent of \$1.50 (91p) a day."

There are even Iragis who have not suffered from sanctions. These are mostly farmers. Restaurants are full of men wearing traditional robes & or dishdashes, who come from the country.

"The hotels are full of farmers," says the same economist, who did not want to give his name. "People who drive cars imported since sanctions almost certainly made their money in agriculture." Ever since the embargo was imposed in 1990 the government. has kept the real price of wheat at the equivalent of about \$100

Overall, Iraqis have a deep sense of bitterness. They feel that sanctions are designed to keep Iraq weak and not because the US or Britain is really frightened of such Iraqi weapons of mass destruction as may remain.

"Sanctions hit the people not the government," said one Iraqi friend. "We are being punished worse than the Nazis. who killed 15 million people and

Swiss Jews face backlash over Nazi gold

SWITZERLAND'S Jewish com- By PETER CAPELLA munity is cornered. When a in Geneva Jewish leader in the United States attacks Switzerland's Nazis, latent anti-Semitism Yet most Swiss Jews are now bitterly at odds with their American counterparts.

Earlier this month, the Swiss Democrats, an extreme rightwing party with three seats in parliament, called for a boycott of "American or Jewish" products in response to a threat of sanctions in the United States against two Swiss banks. Another right-winger, Giu-

liano Bignasca, faces prosecu-tion after recommending that a member of a commission searching for dormant Holocaust accounts should take a holiday in the "Hotel Buchenwald in Dachau _ run by a nice man with a small moustache". A few days later, Thomas Lyssy, a spokesman for the Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities, received an anonymous postcard on the same lines. It is the product of a small minority but for the first time Swiss public figures are flirting with anti-Semitism. Mr Lyssy fears they will not prevent an escalation of hatred. "It gives

States attacks Switzerland's care or that they agree [with it]", wartime dealings with the he said Even Swiss Jews are weary of repeated demands from turns into a flurry of hate mail. the World Jewish Congress. Michael Kohn, a prominent member of the Swiss community, was forced to step down as vice-president of the European congress after he warned that the organisation was losing its honour. Money, he said, was replacing morality

Until recently the banks were unpopular in Switzerland. A combination of mergers, job cuts, huge profits and the Holocaust issue annoyed many Swiss, Publication of lists of dormant accounts, as well as reports on Nazi gold deals by a special commission of experts, helped them swallow some unpalatable truths about their

country's past.
The WJC is backing lawsuits in New York by thousands of Holocaust victims and their heirs, demanding compensation from the two largest commercial banks. Union Bank of Switzerland and Credit Suisse offered \$600m out-of-court on top of the dormant accounts in their vaults. Lawyers and Jewish groups are demanding me the impression they don't about twice as much.

UN probe in Algeria

A UN human rights monitoring body called yesterday for an independent investigation into the actions of the security forces during massacres in

Despite hearing evidence from the Algerian government. which rejected any involvement in massacres, torture and disappearances, the UN Human Rights Committee concluded that it was turning a blind eye to its responsibilities under the International Covenant on Civil

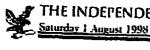
and Political Rights. The rebuke come as Algiers

is trying to convince a visiting UN fact-finding mission that it is open to scrutiny. The committee's chief concern was the lack of investigation into disappearances and massacres, which the Algerians claimed they conducted regardless of

who might be responsible. Although it stopped short of blaming the government for some of the abuse or of lying the Committee clearly felt the Algerians were being econom ical with the truth.

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Joyce Scipci, left, mother of murdered teenage activist Stompic Scipci, is hugged by Winnie Mandikizela-Mandela at a Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearing in Johannesburg. Madikizela-Mandela was convicted on charges of kidnapping Stompie. Witnesses claimed she stabbed him

Ugly memories of brave experiment

TWO YEARS of truth and rec- By MARY BRAID onciliation, designed to put decades of apartheid-era bru**n** tality to some kind of rest, came to an end yesterday.

As the Truth and Reconciliation Commission turned its attention to a report - in effect an official history of the apartheid years - to be presented to President Nelson Mandela later this year, the political row over the achievements of Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Commis-

sion is intensifying. But for many, the political controversy will never drown the voices of hundreds of victims who told their stories to the TRC: or the voices of perpetrators who murdered and tor-

tured in the state's name. So many scenes crowd the mind, breathing a terrible life into the bland term "gross human rights abuses". They make a mockery of the view, cherished by former president poena to appear before the Commission, that apartheid was

simply "good neighbourliness". Phila Ndwande, a plastic shopping bag tied round her pelvis, challenged that last year from the grave. "She was brave this one," said a former apartheid security policeman after leading TRC investigators to her body. That young ANC activist had been fortured naked for 10 days. The bag was her attempt to retain some dignity.

Like all the perpetrators of abuses. Phila's killers were offered amnesty in return for full disclosure. For many blacks, including the widow of the murdered leader Steve Biko, that trade-off amounted to a deal with the devil. So harrowing were the stories that even the TRC's ardent supporters sympathise with the Biko view. Even TRC investigotors complained that little truth was uncovered in return

If the victims' tears helped damn apartheid, so did the matter of fact confessions of the torturers and killers. Few words were as chilling as the body-burning tips offered by Dirk Coetzee, former com-

mander of Vlakplaas, headquarters of the assassination squads, or his tales of police boozing and braging (barbecuing) while the bodies of black activists roasted beside them. Equally chilling was the

demonstration to the TRC by a police torturer, Captain Jeffrey Benzien, of the "wet bag" method. Who could forget the fleshy Mr Benzien sitting stride his former victim, Tony Yengeni, and placing the bag over his head? Or Mr Benzien's humiliation of Mr Yengeni, now an ANC MP, when he asked what kind of human being could take another to the point of suffocation? Mr Benzien asked Mr Yengeni to recall how effective the method had been, and how quickly he had betrayed his comrades as

let up. In June, Wouter Basson and other scientists, revealed that South Africa's research centres investigated methods of curbing black fertility and developing bacteria harmful only to blacks.

For many, including TRC sairman, Archbishop chairman, Desmond Tutu, the greatest frustration was the National Party's refusal to accept responsibility for atrocities. When South Africa's last white president, F W de Klerk, made his party's submission to the Comion, he denied ministers either knew of or sanctioned. violence. Mavericks were responsible. Archbishop Tutu was the verge of tears.

One of the TRC's greatest failures was its inability to trace the chain of command to the National Party cabinet. The foot soldiers complain that former ministers have walked

Nothing in South Africa divides absolutely along colour lines. But the TRC hearings were mainly a black affair. Few whites came to listen, despite Archbishop Tutu's pleas that they accept some responsibil ity for the horrors of the past. Despite all the evidence, rightwing Afrikaners continue to insist that what took place was a war against Communism in which there was no moral difference between the liberation struggle and the apartheid ma-

sterday cynics denounced the TRC for increasing racial difrom the start. Few, if any, perpetrators came forward because of their consciences. Like Adriaan Flok, the former law and order minister, and the only member of cabinet to apply for amnesty, they had usually been implicated in previ-

ous hearings. nipulation was surely Winnie Madikizela Mandela's refusal to accept any responsibility for the reign of terror in Soweto in the late Eighties conducted by her notorious bodyguards. Despite being implicated in murders. her hearings ended with a sickening, manufactured reconciliation with the mother of a murdered child activist, whom witnesses alleged Mrs Mandela

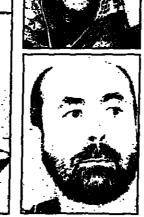
had stabbed. It was the low-point for the credibility of the TRC and Archbishoo Tutu, but without his humour and his belief - despite all the evidence - in the essential goodness of mankind the TRC might have collapsed.

The TRC has been a brave experiment, and far from perfect but even critics are lost when asked what they would have put in its place. It was part of a huge political compromise, The alternative was war.

Yesterday many were praying that the TRC had created some consensus about the past. It will be vital for South Africa's next stage; the drive to end economic inequality which Thabo Mbeki, president in waiting, insists is crucial for any meaningful long-term reconciliation

a result. The gross revelations never THE CRUCIAL MOMENTS THE ROA





Jeffrey Benzien demonstrates the 'wet bag' torture method, left, Bishop Desmond Tutu wipes his face during the Stompel hearing, top, and Wouter Basson, right, testified about the use of chemical weapons against blacks

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21,000 victims give evidence but have they got justice?

IT COULD never have been a By PAUL VALLELY Nuremberg. To sustain the moral righteousness of a warcrimes tribunal requires a victor and vanquished. But South Africa, like Northern Ireland, admits of no such clarity.

A Truth and Reconciliation Commission seemed a masterly solution to a situation where - after the historic allace elections in 1994 brought ipartheid to an end - the emands of justice had to be alanced against the need to void provoking a violent backsh from one section of the stillvided community. But four ars on, has it been a success? It was not a new idea. Truth mmissions were established roughout the past decade in ile. El Salvador and other tin America countries where man-rights violations had an endemic under right-wing

or military dictatorships. They were empowered to grant amnesty to criminals who made a full confession to crimes which they could prove were politically motivated. No remorse was necessary.

Inevitably this set up a tension with the requirements of justice and the needs of retribution. Critics have seen the South African commission as a soft option. The language of reconciliation has seemed otherworldly and idealistic, an impression reinforced by the fact that its chairman was Archbishop Desmond Tutu, whose manner has been at times a little too irenic, especially in the face of the brazen

denials of Winnie Mandela. Certainly many of the families of the thousands who suf-

fered grievously under apartheld felt they were being cheated of justice. Some, like the family of Steve Biko, went so far as to oppose the applications for amnesty by their relatives' killers and torturers.

And it is true that in a number of the high-profile cases. such as those of Winnie Mandela and PW Botha, the commission seemed impotent.

Yet of the 7,000 applications for amnesty only 125 have so far been granted. The rest were unable to convince the commission that they were telling the whole truth. Court cases will follow in many instances. There was more to all this

than merely asking the families of victims to forego all individual satisfaction as a sacrifice for the common good. Apartheid was a structural injustice. Millions were cruelly exploited. robbed of their land, forcibly removed into abject housing and subjected to gross discrimination in education. Some structural response was

Since 1996 the commission has heard or read reports from 21,000 victims of abuse during white minority rule. It has allowed ordinary people to describe in public their suffering and humiliation at the hands of the state. Complicity in the government terror has been revealed as rising to the highest levels. Families have at last learnt the truth about what happened to loved ones, allowing them to pass into a different stage in their mourning and grie!

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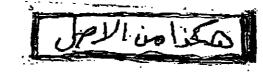
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Heirs of Ghenghis Khan ride the steppes again



Tsengal. a truck driver, with one of 11 horses he has brought to the Naadam sports festival Teresa Poole twice a day, others five or six at a gentle pace. "We travelled eight," said Tsengal.

IN MONGOLIA, where horses outnumber people, the skills of a good horseman demand respect. So when Tsengal set out to train a stallion for this summer's traditional Naadam festival, he embarked upon the enterprise with the determination of a Mongol warrior.

Naadam is one of the world's great sporting spectacles, as Mongolians ride in from far-flung provinces for a weekend of horse-racing, wrestling and archery on the grasslands outside the capital, Ulan Bator.

By dawn on the first day, the total number of horses on the dusty plain is in the tens of thousands. In the early-morning light, as men in Mongolian del tunics herd the animals down to the river for water, it is as if Genghis Khan's army is on the

This year, Tsengal, 40, brought 11 horses to Naadam. but the main hope was for the 25km stallion race. Hundreds of horses compete in each event, ridden by children. some as young as four years old. The horses gallop out across the grasslands to a marker, and then back to the

It is not without risk; at least six horses have just died in this ear's Naadam

"I'M A truck driver, but my hobby is training horses," said Tsengal, sitting in his circular ger tent wearing a rich purple tunic and a leather hat. Most years he competes at Naadam, journeying the 45 miles from his home in the province of Tuv, where his extended family keeps 100 horses and 500 livestock

"It is really tiring, because for one month the person and the horse are really close, like a sportsman and trainer," he

In the first few days, the horse is taken from the herd and ridden around the tent. Day by day, he goes longer

"We ride the horse with a thick blanket on, so the dusty sweat comes out, and we clean it off. The number of times needed to sweat the horse depends on the age and the

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF

TSENGAL, MONGOL HORSEMAN



the race, Tsengal's horses ran well in a local race. "Not all horses can do big competitions. It depends on the shape and condition of the horse, and the eyesight. The distance between the two back legs should be wide, and the nostrils big, so he can have big breaths, and the hoof shape is special. Maybe to ordinary people, the horse is ugly."

The jockey was also in final training. Tsengal's 11-year-old nephew, Gariderdene, was riding the stallion.

"We prepare kids to ride from an early age. From when they start walking, they start riding on a baby goat, sheep or calf. At four years old, they ride a quiet horse. Then they graduate to a stronger horse." said

ON MONDAY, Tsengal and his brother-in-law packed a small ger and prepared for the journey to Ulan Bator. His wife and other relatives were staying behind to look after the

"Before 1990, I worked for a state skin-processing factory, delivering the skins to the factory." When the Communist system collapsed after 70 years as a Soviet satellife. most small state factories went bankrupt, and people like Tsengal lost their jobs. "I am still a driver, but now I have my own truck and work my own time," he said.

over several days so as not to tire the horses or disrupt the final training. We brought the tent and food by car, but the horses came by foot.

"This year I found out that some families came to Naadam from up to 500 miles away. This is the biggest horse competition in Mongolia. So the first 50 horses finishing are the really fast ones."

On the first night they pitched camp after just 20 miles. We rode the horses hard for only a third of a mile. so they didn't get stiff."

THE NEXT day brought the group another 20 miles on, to quiet site a few miles from

the Naadam plain. We camped here for two nights, because there are so many horses and people at Naadam that the horses cannot sleep. The horses were still a little bit fat, so I let them go and sweat and cleaned them. I did not ride them.

The older horses are used to horse-racing, and the younger ones follow them, so they don't run away. Stallions usually have harems, but on the road we just take one fe-male for them so that the male horse does not run off.

"Usually the horses eat during the night time and get full. If people then ride them, they shit. We did this a few times here to make them go to the toilet. You can see the difference between a horse that is prepared for racing, their stomachs are much smaller."

THURSDAY BROUGHT the last long run for Tsengal's horses before the big day. A 10-mile race gave him an idea of likely performance.

"I thought the stallion would be a good horse, I had no doubts. The other horses I felt had not had enough time for training."

The young jockey started to get pre-race jitters. "Yes, he's been really nervous. But he has been riding in Naadam for THE HORSES wake after a good sleep. The party travelled the final few miles to the Naadam site, and met up with relatives from Ulan Bator. The relatives brought a large ger for everyone to

"I registered the horses and got numbers for the riders. Friday night, we did not sleep all night. We had to feed the horses and ride them around to shit. But we also had to watch the horse There were too many horse around, and sometimes peo ple swap or steal the horse We had to be careful. We had to watch they did not run away and mix with others."

SATURDAY - the big day. "At 4am, we took the horses to drink water down by the river. Then let the horses sleep. It is traditional to make the horse good-looking, by decorating the mane and tail." And a ladle of airak (fermented mare's milk on the horse's flank brings good luck.

At 8am, Tsengal took his stallion and young rider to the start, where more than 500 stallions were lined up to race. On the way, the mounted horses all circled a small rotunda three times, singing to soothe the horses.

Once the race started, Tsengal returned to his ger for a quick breakfast. Then down to the finishing line, and a tense wait.

"It's a really difficult feeling. Everybody, when they come, wishes their horse wins. But that's not really important. There are so many horses and kids, you just want the horse and the kid to come back safely. The horses are really clever animals, they never step on the kids if they fall off."

Tsengal's stallion and nephew rode without mishap - in 22nd place. It was Tsengal's best-ever position. "It's a tremendous result," he said. with a face-splitting grin. "Tm really pleased."

The vodka flowed that afternoon in the ger.

And any reward for the brave young jockey? "I will give him a really fast horse."

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Peking party boss is jailed for corruption

IN THE most politically- By TERESA POOLE charged corruption case in China, the former Peking Communist party boss was sentenced yesterday to 16 years in

Chen Xitong, by far the most senior official to be punished in China's five-year campaign against graft, was found guilty of embezzlement, accepting gifts, and dereliction of duty. Mr Chen, "in pursuit of a cor-

rupt and decadent life", had diverted public funds to build "two luxurious villas" where be indulged in "extravagant wining, dining and personal entertainment ... and pleasureseeking", the verdict said.

Previous reports have stated Mr Chen's illicit assets as £24m in cash plus a string of villas and apartments, which he liberally provided to relatives, mistresses and friends. Yesterday's judgment mentioned only a few offences, presumably because a full account might

prove too explosive. The judges found that between 1991 and 1994 he had misappropriated 22 gifts, valued at 555,000 yuan (£42,000) which had been given by un-named "foreign parties". "Among these items were eight gold and silver products, six deluxe watches, four expensive pens, three cameras and one video camera," said the official court report Total spending on the villas amounted to 38.68m yuan (£3m). Lower-ranking officials have been executed for far less.

The scandal erupted more than three years ago, when one of the city's deputy mayors, Wang Baosen, committed suicide as the corruption investigation closed in. The court iudgment said Mr Chen "conspired with Mr Wang to embezzle funds for the villas.

The political sensitivity of the case left ordinary Pekingers scentical over whether 68-yearold Mr Chen would ever receive serious punishment. As well as having powerful friends, his case posed questions about

other senior officials who had their fingers in the pie. Zhang Siging, China's procurator-general, said that between 1993-97 some 181,873 officials were prosecuted for embezziement, bribery and dereliction of duty. But this included only 265 at or above prefecture level, though it is the senior cadres who have greatest opportunity for

unpopular politicians in the capital, because of his zealous support in June 1989 for the bloody shooting of the prodemocracy demonstrators. Mr Liu, 44, a driver, said: "The sentence should have

Mr Chen is one of the most

come earlier. People do not like him, and now the result comes we feel relieved." An old man added: "In Mao's time, if you committed corruption, you died. But now it is dif-

ferent and there is so much rruption Mr Chen's trial took place, in camera, on 20 July.

In his 12 years as mayor and then party secretary for Peking, he presided over a top-level municipal administration which is believed to have siphoned off nearly 18bn yuan (£1.4bn). The scale of the cor-

kick-backs from Peking's building programme in the early 1990s, was such that it must have been obvious to central government. But it was not until April 1995 that Mr Chen

was suddenly sacked as Peking

party chief, in a move which

was as much about politics as As a Politburo member, Mr Chen was well-positioned among the hardline faction in the top leadership, and was seen as an opponent of President Jiang Zemin. His removal in 1995 was useful to Mr Jiang, as a popular measure to show the country that the govern-

ment was serious about tack-

ling corruption, and as a way of

asserting the president's polit-

ical clout. Yesterday's long sentence. which came just three weeks after Mr Chen was formally charged, suggests that President Jiang is feeling confident. The President also knows the sentence will please ordinary

The conviction by the Peking Municipal Higher People's Court was announced yesterday morning on national television, soon after the verdict. There is no way of knowing whether Mr Chen will actually serve his time in prison, or live



Former Beijing Mayor, Chen Xitong (centre) under guard while his sentence is read

ruption, which included huge fairly comfortably under house

The sentence comprised 13 years' imprisonment for corruption and four years for dereliction of duty. The total term to be served was 16 years, however. The judge also ordered that the former party boss's bribes should be confiscated. Mr Chen has 10 days to appeal, but it is a foregone conclusion that

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such a move would not succeed. The sentence was harsher than had been expected for Mr Chen, but lenient compared with the thousands who have been executed for far less serious economic crimes in the anti-graft crackdown. Senior politicians and ordinary Chinese are not equal before the law, even when a political point is being made. Another Mr Chen - Chen Zhong - for example, was executed two years ago in Sichuan province for attempting to steal VAT

receipts from a tax office. Mr Chen's sentence looks light compared with some of the 30 other Peking officials already sentenced in connection with his web of corruption: Tie Ying, the former director of the Peking Government Legal Affairs Office, which approved business licences and permits, was jailed for 15 years for accepting 430,000 yuan

(£32,000) in bribes. Mr Cheri's nearest and dearest profited hugely from their connections. His son, Chen Xiaotong, was jailed for 12 years last year for accepting bribes and "diverting public funds", while his mistress, He Ping, escaped abroad after receiving a reported £3m from

Mr Chen. Mr Chen was purged fron the party last autumn, leavin China's more sensational new papers freer to speculate abou the case. The government pe mitted such revelations, by drew the line at a novel. I' Wrath of Heaven, which was thinly disguised run-down of the



BUSINESS

BRIEFING

Taxpayers to get £100 demands

AROUND 400,000 taxpayers will shortly receive a notice demanding a £100 penalty because have still not filed their tax return for 1996-97 by the time offices closed last night. These are the hard core who missed the deadline last September to file their returns and wait for the taxman to asses their liabilities and then failed to meet the second deadline to submit their forms and calculate and pay their own liability by 31 January. Those who submitted the forms but have not yet paid the tax now face a 5 per cent surcharge on top of the interest at 9.5 per cent they have been paying since the end of January,

Yesterday was also the deadline for over 8m people mainly high rate taxpayers, directors and the self-employee to pay the second instalment of tax due on account for the year to April 1998. The revenue is expecting to net £4.3 billion and unpaid tax starts earning interest at 9.5 per cent a year from today. Earlier last week less than 2m people had paid but many more will have done so at the last minute, the Inland Revenue said yesterday.

Goldberg steps down for soccer



MARK GOLDBERG, the founder of MSB, yesterday stepped down from the recruitment company in order to concentrate on Crystal Palace FC, the south London football club

of which he is chairman. In March, Mr Goldberg relinquished his joint managing director role in favour of a part-time executive role after

investors became increasingly unhappy with his involvement with Crystal Palace. Mr Goldberg has sold a large proportion of his stake in MSB to fund his 522m purchase of the club, which he completed at the beginning of June.

US economic growth slows

US ECONOMIC growth slowed sharply in the second quarter of the year, but the numbers were still stronger than many analysts had been expecting. The US Commerce Department said vesterday that the annualised growth rate of Gross Domestic Product was 1.4 per cent last quarter: the weakest growth rate since the 0.4 per cent seen in the second quarter of 1995. Most Wall Street analysts had expected growth to stagnate or even decline following the lengthy strike against General Motors.

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sharply lower yesterday, hit by an opening fall on Wall Street and disappointing figures from the banking giant Lloyds TSB The FTSE 100 index closed

the FTSE 250 ended 2.7 off at 5482.7 and the Small Cap index finished 5.2 points higher at 2472.5. A large provision for pension

mis-selling at Lloyds surprised the market and sent the shares in the banking group plummeting. Market Report, page 17

Lloyds sets aside £400m to cover pensions review

By LEA PATERSON

SHARES IN Lloyds TSB turnbled by more than 7 per cent after the bank said it would put an extra £400m towards the costs of sorting out the pensions mis-selling scandal. However, analysts said the

businesses was strong, and that Lloyds continued to add to its stockpile of surplus capital. Sir Brian Pitman, Lloyds chairman, hinted that the bank was building up a "war chest" to help fund future acquisitions. He expected "substantial

18 months The bank said pre-tax profits fell by 11 per cent to £1.28bn

consolidation" in the industry in

performance of the bank's core Sir Brian Pitman: Hints

at a Lloyds "war chest"

Brian explained that the headline figure had been distorted by the large pensions provision, in the six months to June. Sir a reduced contribution from

emerging market debt and disposals during the year. Before tax, underlying profits rose by 18 per cent to £1.57bn.

Lloyds has put aside £400m to cover the costs of the second stage of the pensions mis-selling review. The Financial Services Authority launched stage two earlier this year to provide ority" victims of pensions misselling. Lloyds has around 165,000 cases to review and estimates it will pay compensation in 45,000 instances.

The bank has already set aside £300m to cover the costs of stage one of the review. Peter Ellwood, Lloyds' chief executive, said the first phase of the

work was "on target" Contributions from emerg-

ing markets debt fell from £34m 67p to finish the day at 834p. in the first half of 1997 to £28m this half. Another exceptional factor was the profit made on

in the first half of 1998. Sir Brian said there were signs of a "drift downwards" in credit quality, although there had been "no significant deterioration." Provisions for bad and doubtful debts rose by £9m to £280m, and there was a slight

disposals, which came to £84m

uptick in mortgage arrears. Mr Ellwood said that, given the economic environment, the bank was keeping a close eye on its new lending business."We making sure our managers don't pick up other neonie's rubhish. We're emising quality, not quantily." Although Lloyds share fell by

several analysts affirmed their positive rating of the stock. David Poutney, banking analyst at Panmure Gordon, said:

The markets have been spooked by the pensions provision, and they perhaps underestimated the downturn on LDC [emerging markets] debt. "However, I think the strength of their core businesses - particularly their

mortgage business - is excep-

tional. History has shown that when Lloyds falls, it is a buying opportunity. Mr Poutney would be trimming his full-year profit fore-casts to reflect the reduced

contribution from emerging markets debt. Sir Brian said Lloyds could

spend some of its surplus capital - estimated at £1.25bn - on acquisitions. "There is significant overcapacity in the UK ... and far too much capital. I expect there to be substantial

further consolidation." Mr Eliwood commented: "We are not sitting back waiting for people to come to us. "In-house, we have a

weighty team. Outside, we have one house looking at opportunities for us in Europe and another looking for opportunities elsewhere.'

Future acquisitions could include a mortgage provider or a

general insurer. The bank raised the interim dividend by 26 per cent to 6.7p

Outlook, page 17

Oftel opens **Hull to BT** challenge

By PETER THAL LARSEN

KINGSTON COMMUNICATIONS. the municipally-owned telecom group which mainly operates in Hull, is considering bidding for a cable television licence in the area after Oftel, the telecom watchdog, yesterday recommended it he allowed to do so.

As expected, Oftel yesterday cleared the way for British Telecom to compete in Hull for the first time, although it warned BT that any competition had to be fair.

As compensation, however Oftel recommended that side its own area, and be freed to bid for a cable franchise.

Despite being available since 1991, the Hull cable franchise has never been taken up by any of the established oper-Kingston, which is consid-

ering a stock market flotation to raise funds, would not have to lay an entirely new network. The company has announced plans to upgrade its existing network with ADSL - a technology that allows digital signals to be sent down existing copper wires.

It is far from clear whether BT will take the opportunity to go into Hull "We are looking what commercial opportunities this might represent for us," a BT spokeswoman said yesterday. However, it is thought unlikely that the group will dig up the streets of Hull in order to build a local network.

BT has been barred from competing with Kingston, which dominates the residential telephone market in the Hull area, although other operators have been free to offer services since 1991.

In a widespread consultation with Kingston customers, Oftel found that many were concerned that BT would undermine Kingston with unfair competition.

In an attempt to keep customers happy, Kingston has introduced innovations such Kingston be allowed to offer res-idential telephone lines out-local call, no matter how long it lasts. This is likely to deter BT, which would not be allowed to match Kingston's offer if it entered the market.

> Kingston, which has 170,000 customers in Hull, has been expanding outside the area for some time. The company's fastgrowing Torch subsidiary has a licence to offer business telecom services across the UK. Meanwhile, Oftel yesterday

com operators for telephone numbers in an attempt encourage them to use them more efficiently. Oftel said that operators were currently using just 40 per cent of the numbers allocated

unveiled plans to charge tele-

shortages. The watchdog said that the move would put off future telephone code changes.

to them, which led to number



Steve Maine, chief executive of Kingston Communications, in one of the group's white phone boxes in Hull, which may be facing BT competition

FTSE to trial early index

BY LEA PATERSON

FTSE INTERNATIONAL, which manages and develops the FISE equity indices, will begin live trials of a pre-market version of the FTSE 100 index on Monday.

The pre-market index is intended to provide an early guide to the opening level of the FTSE 100. It could help to stamp out the early morning volatility that has plagued the market since the launch of Sets, the Stock Exchange's electronic trading system.

Mark Makepeace, FTSE International's managing director, said: "This initiative is aimed at improving visibility on the order book at the critical opening period. I hope it will, over time, help to improve liquidity at the start of official trading."

FTSE International, in conjunction with Reuters, will calculate the pre-market level of the FTSE 100 using brokers' orders placed on the electronic order book prior to the official opening of the market at

Low volumes of trade at the beginning and the end of the trading day have meant that the FTSE 100 has been prone to erratic swings since the intro-

duction of Sets last autumn. The Stock Exchange has shortened market trading hours in an attempt to solve the problem of early morning volatility, although brokers say there is as yet little evidence of a marked improvement in price

DTI reverses bus sale order

THE SALE of a bus company owned by FirstGroup, the transport company, was blocked yesterday by the Department of Trade and Industry after ministers watered down recommendations made by competition authorities.

Last year the company had been ordered to sell a division of its Scottish bus operation after a ruling by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission said FirstGroup's £96m acquisition of Glasgow-based SB Holdings could act against the public interest.

BY RANDEEP RAMESH Transport Correspondent

The bus operations earmarked for sale, including at least one of SBH's four central Glasgow bus depots, are thought to have a combined annual turnover of £40m, compared to estimated group sales of pounds £750m.

However Margaret Beckett's final act as President of the Board of Trade was to reverse this decision. She argued that soon after FirstGroup bought the bus company, Stagecoach had entered the Glasgow have be follow a ticket pricing

50 new buses on to the city rivals. The package of understreets and began operating on five important radial routes into the city just weeks after the MMC's report.

"While the Director General of the Office of Fair Trading has advised that Stagecoach's entry into the Glasgow bus market does not change his view that divestment is necessary, I do not agree," said Mrs Beckett in a statement. Instead the FirstGroup will

strategy to ensure that it can-Stagecoach bought a fleet of not undercut and drive out takings will also see minimum service levels, restrictions on

fare and frequency changes. Moir Lockhead, chief executive of FirstGroup, welcomed the decision. "We have worked hard to show the Office of Fair Trading that the acquisition was not against the public interest. At the same time we have significantly improved the quality of bus services in Glasgow.'

Book superstores 'to take 20% of market'

American bookseller which is expanding in the UK, predicted vesterday that US-style book superstores could soon account for 20 per cent of the UK market, matching their penetration in America, writes Nigel Cope.

Bob DiRomualdo, chairman of Borders which bought the Books etc chain last year, said that though book superstores are in their infancy in Britain, the combination of larger ranges, together with magazines, music and coffee bars,

THE CHAIRMAN of Borders, the would grab market share. "In the US superstores have captured a large share of the book market and we believe the concept will travel," he said.

Borders is to open its first superstore in Britain today on ondon's Oxford Street.

Waterstone's, which has one superstore in Glasgow, yesterday acquired 10 branches of Student Bookshops from the administrators. The stores (mostly on university campuses) will be rebranded as Waterstone's.

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

trillion yen in tax cuts.

LONDON

THE LONDON stock market ended

down 73.7 points to 5837.0, while

TOKYO NEW YORK

US STOCKS headed lower as renewed concerns about Japan overshadowed better than expected second-quarter gross domestic product. The market was still weighed down by worries about falling corporate earnings and the Asian crisis.

At 5.44 BST the Dow Jones stood at 9001.72, down 25.23. "It's very disappointing the market didn't rally with better than expected GDP figures," said Peter Coolide, senior equity trader at Brean Marray & Co.

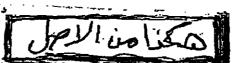
GERMANY

TOKYO STOCKS closed higher GERMAN SRARES ended slightly amid hopes the government would off, dragged down from early move swiftly to revitalise the advances by Wall Street, with economy, with the markets the benchmark Dax index focusing on what policies the new closing 0.12 per cent down at finance minister, Klichi Miyazawa, 5.873.92. The Xetra Dax lost 0.76 would adopt. The benchmark per cent to close at 5,861.19. Nikkei 225 rose 177.37 points, or Merger speculation buoyed Dresdner Bank shares, which 1 per cent, to close at 16,378.97.

Mr Miyazawa has already said be soared 6 per cent. prefers tax cuts to a fiscal stimulus "There is wild speculation to prod consumer spending, while again that the Allianz will merge the newly appointed prime minister, Keizo Obuchi, has called for 6 with Dresdner or otherwise there is some big merger in the wings," one dealer said.

RUSSIA

RUSSIAN SHARES eased on profittaking, with the RTS index falling 0.35 per cent to 149.65. Traders said the market was eager for news from the International Monetary Fund's deputy managing director, Stanely Fischer, who is in Moscow this weekend to check on progress of government reforms. A meeting between Anatoly Chubais, Russia's chief foreign debt negotiator, and President Boris Yeltsin, ended without major news despite rumours that Mr Chubais would be asked back into the government.



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When the chips are down, chop here

A WEEK is a long-time in the fast-moving world of semi-conductors.

On 21 July Siemens held a dinner to extol the virtues of its UK operations, and in particular its state of the art chip plant on North Tyneside. Don't worry, was the general message from Alan Wood its chief executive in the UK. Plunging chip prices might be wreaking havoc on the group's semi-conductor business as a whole but the £1bn Tyneside plant was alright. In fact it was as efficient as anything the company had in Germany, Taiwan or the US. broken to an understandably Phase two might have been canned but Siemens was getting as much output from phase one as the entire project had been targeted to

Little did he realise how much built-in obsolescence there were in those words. Seven days later Siemens top brass met in Munich and decided that they had one chip plant too many. And, you've guessed, North Tyneside was the one that was surplus to requirements. Yesterday the news was



OUTLOOK

shocked workforce of 1,100 who will be looking for new jobs come Sep-

John Redwood claims they are the latest victims of the strong pound. But he is wrong. This is one piece of retrenchment that cannot be blamed on the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee.

The strength of sterling is not responsible for the 95 per cent decline in DRAM prices since Signers decided to build the plant

unprecedented scale. Nor can it be blamed for the way that the growth in chip demand has undershot Siemens' forecasts by 50 per cent.

But why then has North Tyneside been singled out for special treatment when Siemens has similar operations in Germany, Taiwan, France and the US? Dr Ulrich Schumacher, the big chip in the Siemens semi-conductor group, says it is because the plant has the same cost structure as facilities producing two or three times as many wafers. If this is right, then Mr Wood was wrong.

The more likely explanation is that the Dresden plant was never going to close, the French one is jointly owned, the US benefits from a booming economy and the Taiwan plant does not pay UK

None of this is much consolation to the workers on Tyneside who thought a new dawn had arrived when Siemens came charging over the hill. Peter Mandelson, the new three years ago or the Asian cri- Trade and Industry Secretary, has

rescue the plant. But if Siemens has already trawled the market for a buyer without success, what chance has he of pulling the fat out of the fire?.

Sir Brian rolls out the Three Cs

WHEN CLEARING bank chairmen start complaining there is too much capacity in the market, what they really mean is that there is too much competition. Their answer to the above problem is consolidation. Yesterday it was the turn of the bankers' banker, Sir Brian Pitman of Lloyds TSB, to roll out the

Yesterday's results from the bank were weighed down by heavier than expected pension mis-selling provisions and the share price over-reacted accordingly. But what ought to be exercising the markets is how Lloyds along with the rest of the sector is going to adjust to a

sis which has led to dumping on an formed a joint taskforce to try to downturn in the economic cycle and an upturn in the degree of regulation over the next couple of years.

That is where consolidation comes in. Lloyds is still generating capital faster than it can find uses for the stuff and probably has £1bn-£2bn to throw around on a stray mortgage provider or insurer. But Sir Brian seems to envisage

the kind of banking consolidation we have seen in the US and Europe in coming months, which involves capital outlays of a rather larger order or mergers of equals. Virtually none of the banks

deserve the fancy ratings they cur-rently enjoy, and we are likely to see a re-rating of all the financials in the coming months. But Lloyds deserves to be toward the top of the banking pile, not the bottom. It has lower costs than most of its rivals, it takes a tough stance on credit quality, it has some great brands -Cheltenham & Gloucester, for example - and it will continue to realise cost savings from the integration of the Lloyds and the TSB networks.

ulatory clearance is quite another.

Murdoch set for digital dogfight

AFTER MONTHS of hype and corporate physter, the battle lines for the great digital doglight of 1999 are becoming clear.

On the evidence of the past week, Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB looks like the clear favourite. While British Digital Broadcasting sorry, ON Digital - announced its new name in a blaze of publicity on Tuesday, it couldn't disguise the fact that the rest of its strategy is

The reason is that Sky, which unveiled its plans on Thursday. It will launch in October with a massive marketing campaign - ably sup-ported, no doubt, by Uncle Rupert's newspapers - and an impressive array of channels, sport and payper-view movies. The whole lot will

Having the cash or paper to do the deals is one thing. Getting regwhen you've forked out £200 for a dish they'll even come and install it for nothing.

This leaves ON Digital's offering looking rather threadbare. It was supposed to be a cheap and cheerful alternative to Sky, bring ing you 30 channels for under a tenner without the stigma of having to fit a dish to the side of the house. But Sky has signed up all the channels - many of them on an exclusive basis. And it looks as if ON Digital's price advantage has disappeared as well.

However, this is not a two-horse race. While Sky looks streaks ahead of ON Digital already, the real threat could be from the cable television companies. The prospect of the full 200 channels. no satellite dish, and high-speed internet access as well could prove a compelling alternative to what Sky is offering. As ON Digital has found to its cost, however, Sky will not give up its stranglehold on the couch potato without a fight.

Jobless rise awaits Japan's new leader

ANOTHER SHARP jump in un- By ROY GARNER employment in Japan, rising to 4.3 per cent in June, has given incoming Prime Minister Keizo Douchi fresh proof - if any were needed - that there is to be no honeymoon period for his

new administration. On Thursday, Taichi Sakaiya, the new director-general of the Economic Planning Agency, had described Japan's jobless level as offering some cause for comfort, observing that it was "still lower than those in some European countries."

The latest figures, released just a day later, show Japan closing the gap with Britain (4.8% in June) and the US (4.5

in Tokyo

Acknowledging that the time left for action is now "not very long", Mr Obuchi indicated on Friday that he was willing to stay in power only until the economy is revitalised, according to Tokyo spokesman. His official term in office is due

to expire next September. Mr Obuchi added that he will be ready to leave once he is sure that the measures he has adopted are effecting a revival

Hinting at strategy, he also mentioned that people should be prepared to suffer some kruptcies in the banking

sector. On Thursday, new finance minister Kiichi Miyazawa had said that the government planned to submit six bills to the current parliament session that would include a "total plan" to bail out banks.

Japan's jobless rate, which had been steady at 3-3.5 per cent for the past three years, broke the 4 per cent barrier in April, standing at 4.1 per cent in both April and May. The jobless rate among

women, meanwhile, reached a post-war high of 4.2 per cent in June, a 0.3 per cent increase from one month earlier. The latest figures show 2.84

million people out of work in June, an increase of 550,000

Labour Ministry added to the gloom by announcing that the ratio of job offers to job seekers dropped to 0.51 in June, the worst figure since January

The jobless downturn is likely to intensify calls for the speedy introduction of permanent tax cuts, of up to 10 trillion yen, and a cut in the consumption tax, possibly to its earlier level of 3 per cent - the two measures regarded as most critical to the creation of new

The top priority, however, will continue to be dealing with Japan's bad loans, totalling in excess of \$600 billion

IN BRIEF

Underground work for Racal

A CONSORTIUM including Racal Electronics has been selected as the single bidder for a £1bn contract to replace and manage London Underground's radio and transmission services. The deal, part of the Private Finance Initiative to build public sector projects, is worth about £1bn over 21 years for the consortium, CityLink Telecommunications. Other shareholders include Motorola, Fluor

Names setback

Daniels, Hyder and

LLOYD'S of London can proceed with plans to reclaim more than £150m in connection with the insurance market's record £8bn losses in the past after the Court of Appeal refused an application for an appeal by a more than 500 of its individual backers, known as Names. Lloyd's and a group of non-accepting Names have been battling in the courts since then. Philip Holden, the head of Lloyd's financial recovery department, said: road of litigation for those

measures will now he pursued as soon as possible." Scottish decline

THERE WAS a sharp decline in Scottish manufacturing output, orders and employment in July, according to a survey by the Bank of Scotland. Prices of goods bought by manufacturers continued to fall, largely because of cheaper imports, but wages and salaries in the service sector continued to rise. David Jenkins of the Bank of Scotland said: "The decline in absolute terms in manufacturing output in Scotland is increasingly worrying. The immediate prospects for the Scottish

Names who have not paid

appropriate enforcement

their debts. All the

economy leave little room for Coral deal threat

LADBROKE's last-ditch

attempt to gain regulatory approval for its £363m takeover of rival bookmaker Coral yesterday ran into fierce criticism from opponents to the deal. William Hill, Ladbroke's arch-rival, and a group of independent bookmakers said they would write to Peter Mandelson, the new trade and industry secretary, to complain that Labdroke's offer to sell an extra 167 shops to the Tote would still leave as the dominant player in the industry. The DTI is due to decide on the merger within 20 days.

for a demerger and the return of cash to shareholders, the support the City, where BTR shares services group Staveley Industries said yesterday. GPG, the New Zealand investment group chaired by Ron Brieriey, owns 12.8 per cent of Staveley and had called for the demerger of British Salt and the return of cash to Staveley Dunlop Precision Rubber, shareholders. A extraordinary meeting is ings for the aerospace market.

Rank shares soaring

Takeover story sets

THERE IS nothing like a hostile takeover story to spice up a dull summer day. Better still if it involves one of the chronic underperformers of recent times. Step forward Rank, the Hard Rock Cafe to bingo

The Independent's revelation that the troubled outfit is being circled by venture capital funds gave Footsie's flagging drive a bit of a Viagra treatment. The shares, a pathologic under-achiever in recent times, put on 13.8 per cent to end at 337p, at the top

the blue-chip board. Unfortunately, Rank's soaring run could do little against the powerful bearish winds coming from overseas, which swept. Footsie away in the afternoon. A negative opening on Wall Street and worries about Japan proved the leading index's undoing, playing a major part in the 73.7 point The FTSE 250 and the small

closing loss to 5837.0 points. cap benefited from their insular nature and had a better day than their bigger brother. The 250 finished just 2.7 points off at 5482.7, while the small cap managed a 5.2 point rise to 2472.5.

Among blue chips, the banks were once again under

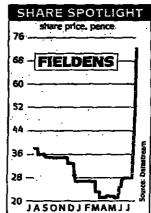
SHARES IN Syence Skin Care, a company which specialises in anti-ageing products, ended the day unchanged at 10.5p after reporting a £77,000 loss for the year. The group, listed on Ofex, hit the headlines when it clashed with the BBC over the allegations made on one of its antiwrinkle products in a Watchdog programme. Svence won an apology and damages, but said at yesterday's results ent that the incident had "dampened euphoria" over its products.

the spotlight. A £400m pension misselling provision at Lloyds TSB overshadowed decent results and sent the shares spiralling down. They finished 67p off to 834p.

Lloyds has got Sets to thank for not topping the Footsie worst performers' list. A couple of rogue deals on the automated order book sent the engineer Smiths Industries tumbling minutes before the bell. Two trades at 711p one minute before closing, after the stock had been coasting along at 753p for most of the day, acMARKET REPORT



FRANCESCO GUERRERA



counted for a 9.2 per cent collapse. The final recorded price

was 711p. Other banks ignored Sets' vagaries and focused on Lloyds' woes. Abbey National lost 41p to 1,141p, Halifax was 7p lower at 723p, Bank of Scotland was 34p off to 370p, while NatWest, which reports figures on Tuesday, was down 65n to 1.060. The bank said vesterday it was selling its carleasing business to joint venture partner Lex Services

The earnings-enhancing deal and a roaring set of results helped Lex, the rent-a-car group, to motor shead 17p to

Cellular phone operators were upwardly mobile after Merrill set a near-term target price of 1,050p for Orange. The shares took a giant leap towards the target, rising 47.5p

Vodafone remained connected to its rival and rose 20p in sympathy. Securicor, partowner of Celinet, was close by with a 13p rise to 558p.

Albright & Wilson, the chemicals group, found the right mix of takeover speculation and a positive note from Williams de Broe. The shares topped the FTSE 250 risers' list after a 11.4 per cent gain to 121.5p. They were challenged for top spot by Arcadia, the clothes shop chain, which put on a 5.3 per cent rise to 361.5,

after Panmure Gordon upgraded its recommendation and slapped a 385p price target on the stock. Support services groups hit

rock-bottom after a bearish trading statement from Business Post Group, whose shares fell 65p to 84.5p. Rival Danka shed more than 17 per cent to 117.5p, as pessimism spread through the sector.

Torotrak, the engineer which specialises in inventing new hi-tech equipment completed a pretty dismal maiden week on the market by losing 16.5p to 262.5p. It has lost 27.5p since it was spun off from BTG at the beginning of

the week with a 300p price. Torotrak's boffins are probably thinking of a device to transform the company into Fieldens. Shares in the AIMlisted agricultural company more than doubled to 103.5p, as the market could not contain its excitement at Thursday's news that two former Hanson directors had taken control of

Vanguard Medica was in demand, after the pharmaceutical company announced it was close to a deal with a drug giant to develop its antimigraine drug. A recommen-dation from the Investors

WIGGINS GROUP firmed 0.5p to 14p yesterday after the construction group said it had been selected as prefferred bidder for Manston airport. The RAF airfield, which boasts a runaway as long as Heathrow's, is due to be transformed into London's fourth civilian airport under the grand name of Kent International Airport

Chronicle also provided an helping hand. The shares leapt

52.5p to 237.5p. No such luck or Geo Interactive. The small IT company admitted that first-half revenues would be lower than expected because of the delayed shipment of some of its products, and dealers took

The stock shed 45 per cent of its value to 62.5p. Similar grim story for the engineer Loades. A plunge into loss at the halfway stage and the shares soon followed, losing 170p to 325p.

SEAQ VOLUME: 824.9m SEAQ TRADES: 72,699 GILTS INDEX: n/a

bers or simply be buying mem-bers, which would not entitle

them to use the Intersport

The group said the changes

"will allow Intersport to focus

marketing resources to support

the brand and will allow Inter-

sport to compete more effec-

The changes have already

been approved by the group's

members, with 92 per cent vot-

ing in favour. Intersport says the

changes will mean 220 stores

trading under the Intersport

The changes are in response

to the increasing power of the

major sports shop chains, and

to fight the major supermarket

groups which are sourcing

branded sports clothing from

name by 2000.

the grey market.

high street presence."

Mike Darrington (left), managing director, and

record interim pre-tax profit of £6.1m for the 24

Malcolm Simpson, financial director of Greggs, the

Newcastle-based retail baker, which has announced a

weeks to 13 June - a rise of 14.7 per cent. Sales were

INTERSPORT, the group of 400 independent sports retailers, is planning a major shake-up of its operations to fight back against the major chains, such as JJB Sports and the supermarkets.

The buying and merchandising group, created to give the independent sports shops more national retailer with a strong power, will insist in future that full members operate under the Intersport banner and adhere to uniform store designs, staff training and product selection.

Currently many members continue to trade under their independent fascia which intersport says weakens the awareness of the name and diminishes marketing effi-

Members will have until September to decide whether they wish to be full corporate mem-

Intersport to |BTR hives off tighten image aero divisions

7.4 per cent higher than in the comparable period last year. The company said it was in the middle of a

two-year investment programme which had

service benefits in the future

increased overheads but would deliver cost and

By PETER THAL LARSEN

BTR, the former conglomerate which is trying to turn itself into an engineering group, yesterday speeded up its disposal programme by selling its Aerospace businesses for £510m. Doughty Hanson, the fastgrowing venture capital firm, is

tively in the market place as a buying the division for cash. BTR said it had decided to sell the business "in the face of major consolidation in the aerospace industry." It added that the price was attractive, representing a multiple of 2.1 times the division's 1997 sales and 9.8

imes operating profits. The deal takes the amount raised from disposals by lan Strachan, BTR's chief executive, since his appointment two and a half years ago to £4.2bn. The aerospace businesses, which include parts of the

former Dunlop rubber group which BTR bought in 1985, were not specifically earmarked for disposal. However, BTR decided to sell them because they were not large enough to compete in the global aerospace market.

"Although profitable, they are small both in terms of BTR and their sector, and are not able to achieve our stated goals effectively," he said. The move was welcomed in

firmed 7.5p to 154p. BTR is selling Standard Aero, which repairs aero engines; Dunlop Aviation, which makes aircraft wheels and brakes; Aero Engine Equipment, which makes components for turbolan engines; and

which makes seals and mould

GPG turnabout **GUINNESS PEAT GROUP** (GPG) has dropped demands

scheduled for 6 August.

Lex wins Leasing control

By Nigel Cope

LEX SERVICE, the car dealer and contract-hire group, continued the shake-up in the UK car-leasing industry yesterday when it agreed to pay up to £128.5m for full control of Lex Vehicle Leasing. Lex has run the contract-hire division as a 50:50 joint venture with Lonbard North Central for several

Under the terms of yesterday's deal, Lex Service is paying £33.5m for an additional 30 to buy the remainder in three

The deal follows a statement by Arriva, the former Cowie bus group, that it has rein its vehicle-leasing division. The Lex deal arose because on its own contract-hire business, British Car Contracts.

The deal was announced as Lex Service reported a strong set of interim results, with halfyear profits up by 18 per cent to £36m and good perfor-

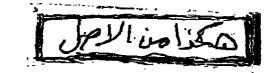
leasing, trucks, car parts and

the Hyundai dealerships. The results were in stark contrast to other companies in the sector, such as Car Group, ceived expressions of interest the second-hand car dealer. whose shares have been devastated by profits warnings Lombard is keen to concentrate over tumbling used car prices.

> prices had affected disposal profits, and this was expected to continue in the second half The interim dividend was increased to 7.8p up from 6.8p last

Lex said the downturn in

year. The shares closed 170 per cent stake, with an option mances across the group in higher at 511.5p.





Christie keeps winning formula,

MIDWAY THROUGH last Saturday afternoon, an ex-athlete talking on a mobile phone strolled round the perimeter of Birmingham's Alexander Stadium, where the annual AAA Championships and trials were tak-

A middle-aged woman with a camera was the first to spot him. Two Breakers, which is now known as teenage girls arrived next, giggling. Then three Cub Scouts were swarming round him, demanding autographs - "First you have to say something. "Please?" "OK".

As the object of the Cubs' attention signed, one of them reached up to touch his watch. "Is that real gold." he asked. "No," the man replied with a grin. "It's just painted to look like that," But it was real gold,

If anyone doubted that Linford Christic would retain his popular appeal atter quitting the track, this informal demonstration served as well as anything else to lay those doubts to rest. Not that Christie himself had any: "I think the thing with the public will stay with me," said the tormer Olympic, world, European and Commonwealth 100 metres champion. "I have been nice to adults and children all through my career."

This week marks the anniversary of the sudden decision by Britain's greatest sprinter to end that career. At 38, one year into the rest of his life. Christie finds himself busier than he

The management company he

founded with fellow athlete Colin Jackson, Nuff Respect, is taking up increasing amounts of his time. despite the fact that Jackson has now left - something which hurt and baffled Christie in equal measure. Recently, he has begun recording a new television series of Record Linford Christie's Record Breakers.

He still trains with and coaches a small group of athletes, three of whom - Darren Campbell, Paul Gray and Katherine Merry - provided him with cause for celebration last weekend as they won AAA titles. And as he watched over his charges from the stand. Christie had a younger dependant to consider in the form of his 18-month-old daughter, Briannah.

He was relaxed. And when his athletes won, he was exuberant. It made a pleasant contrast to the matters which had so publicly preoccupied him earlier in the month.

For many outside the sport, the predominant recent image of Christie was that of a man weeping in the High Court witness box in the course of his successful libel action against a magazine article, written by the former prisoner John McVicar.

which accused him of drug abuse. A case that had taken three years to come to court gripped Christie with an emotional force he could not have foreseen: "For me it was a A year after ending his extraordinary athletics career, Britain's former multi-champion is still driven by the need to succeed.

whether training a new generation of sprinters or defending his reputation in the High Court. Interview by Mike Rowbottom

Roddan, had cheated because he had helped me to get the drug I was

accused of taking. "That's the part that got me emotional, because Ron is the most honest human person you can ever meet. I can defend myself. But what has Ron ever done to anybody? He gave up a lot of his time to help me achieve something, to give people someone to cheer on. Even people like John McVicar. I go out there to make him feel good about himself."

The argument that it was never worth his while embroiling himself in a traumatic, mud-slinging court case over an article written by a convicted felon in an obscure, and now defunct, magazine is one he acknowledges - but rejects.

→I don't regret taking the action. he said. "I would do it again exactly the same. If someone wants to think I was on drugs, well they can think what they like. But if someone writes it. I don't care if it was in a onepage magazine and only one person

a cheat. Not even possibly, but defi- who has admired what I have done some people in the sport got scared, nitely. And they said my coach, Ron and wondered about whether they could do the same thing. And then they read I'm on drugs. I have got to correct that.

> "I felt I was in a Catch-22 situation. If I didn't defend myself against what McVicar had written, maybe people would have said: 'He isn't defending it. Maybe it's true."

"It was said in court that every single athlete is on drugs. That is totally wrong. I have been fighting for the good of the sport as well, because if it's thought that someone who was at the top of the sport like myself had taken drugs, the sponsors are going to say 'Let's get out of the sport, because you obviously can't win anything unless you are on drugs'.'

For all that, Christie felt let down by various parts of the sport during his case. He is still clearly angry at those members of the media who he feels have been ready to help McVicar's cause. And he also felt a distinct lack of encouragement from those within the sporting establishment.

"I felt I could have done with a lot shock," he said. "I sat there and it read it. Because it could be the more by way of phone calls or enwas put to me that I was definitely wrong one person. It could be a kid couragement," he said. "I felt as if

sat on the fence and waited, although a lot of the athletes were great. Because they knew. I wasn't worried about the case, because I knew there was no way that you could find 12 people who would say 'Yes, I was on drugs.' I knew there's not a man alive or dead who could have said 'Yes, I've given Linford Christie drugs, yes, I've seen him taking drugs.' I just wanted to get the message out there that I will not tolerate anybody who tries to take my reputation away, especially in

was competing. But the growing pressure of expectation caused him to consider retiring years before he actually made his sudden announcement midway through last year's World Championships in Athens, where he was present as a BBC analyser.

that way. And I only take people to

court when I know I am going to win." Winning was something that

Christie made a habit of when he

He had begun the season by saying his international career would not stretch beyond the European Cup in June - where he led Britain to their first win since 1989, when he old sparring partner becoming had been summarily appointed captain to receive the trophy.

"I just felt this horrible pressure that's put on British athletes," he said. "For some of my rivals, particularly the Americans, it was different. They were allowed to lose one or two races, to experiment from time to time. But for me it always had

to be 'win, win, win'." You suspect, however, that that imperative came from within. And the template is still there.

"Anything I do in my life is based outside Christie's best of 9.87sec – on what I did in athletics," he said. a country mile in sprinting terms. "I put 100 per cept into everything I do." That attitude caused problems when it came to guiding the fortunes of younger athletes. Just terms with young footballers who could not match his own commitment when he graduated to man-agement, Christie - who for years trained six, sometimes seven days a week - had to adjust.

"I realised that because I had done it, I shouldn't necessarily expect it of them," he said. "Because everyone's an individual."

any pangs of regret since giving up his track career. He maintains that he is fully detached from his old calling, but it looks more like semidetachment. "When I watch the guys I'm like a boxer who sees an

heavyweight champion. You always believe that because you used to knock them around, then if they can do it, you can do it."

He denies being tempted to resume his career, but still talks wistfully about last season's scrapped plans to run in Britain for his team, Thames Valley Harriers: "If my club needed me to run, I would," Christie said. At the moment, the best young British 100m runners are running more than three-tenths of a second outside Christie's best of 9.87sec -

However, should one of them surpass the great man's best some time in the future. Christie said he would be delighted. "Especially if it as England's World Cup winner is Darren," he added. "Records are Alan Ball found it hard to come to meant to be broken, and hopefully someone will run faster than 9.87. It will be great for the sport. The stands will be full again.

"People will come out and say, 'we want to watch this runner'. But the problem is that people are pressurising the young guys by saying they have to be the new Linford Christie. And they are pressurising themseives. The more they try to be Christie will not admit to feeling like me, the more tight they are

going to become. "So the message to them has to be to go out and do what they have to do. And forget me."

It's a point of view. But try telling that to the Cub Scouts.

It's so difficult to outwit an octogenarian

FLAGS OF all nations fluttered around the rim of Wembley Stadium, just as they had exactly half a century earlier for the opening of

the 1948 Olympics. Gathered dutifully in the main stand next to Princess Anne, the recalled competitors of that Olympiad heard the recorded speeches of the departed: Lord Burghley and King George the VI, men gone from this earth, whose voices sounded here as they had 50 years previously.

The applause of 85,000 long-gone spectators thundered through the

Baron De Coubertin - "The important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part" stood proud, as they had done on ing of impatience, rather than cel-



MIKE ROWBOTTOM

On the scoreboard, the words of July 29, 1948. This time, however, the to her companion on this special message was brought to us by Coca-Cola.

And this time, there was a feel-

ebration, in the air which centred around the media corps - of whom, OK. I was one - waiting to interview the star of those Games, the 30-yearold housewife and mother-of-two trouser suit. who defied the critics to win four gold medals: Fanny Blankers-Koen.

Aged 80 now – as she would be, given the way time works - her blonde hair, though shaded with grey, was still as lively as she was. band of the Scots Guards trumway back and forth across the Wembley turf, she waved cheerily day, who would very shortly join her in the car that was waiting to take her to the airport for her return flight to the Netherlands.

As in 1948, Fanny missed her home. But for now, however, she was content, tapping her hand to the military beat on her lime green

The tune was "My old man said follow the van..." you know the one. Then they went into "Ma, ma, come and make eyes at me down at the old Bull and Bush..."

The camera crews slowly gath-While the press men waited and the ered about the frail but lively octogenarian like the birds in the Alfred peted, boomed and companied their Hitchcock film. Fluffy booms were angled to within inches of her brow. Lenses were focused. Reporters with furrowed expressions lent forward with their microphones, waiting waiting for that military music

These medleys. It's so clever the

way they keep moving them along. We were on to Mary Poppins now - "In the most delightful way". Then, smoothly, into "Knees Up Mother Brown".

There was a massed raising of eyebrows. "Two more minutes," an organiser assured everyone.

The last compah echoed away. The moment had arrived, and FBK skipped nimbly back to her tawdry plastic seat to face the questions. "So," began the foremost interviewer. "Can we start..." But it was the music which started

"Land of Hope and Glory" this time, which caused the media throng to rear back as if someone had slung something disgusting

into their midst.

to share an enjoyment which elicited no more than a couple of

strained smiles. At last, the sound of silence returned. To be swiftly broken by a word from our red jacketed master of ceremonies: "Now ladies and gentleman, will you please kindly rise

for the Olympic anthem." It was, as these anthems so often are, a stirring and lengthy composition, dwindling and rising

to innumerable crescendos and diminuendos.

Outside, surely, the FBK limousine was already ticking over, her chauffeur consulting his watch.

FBK clearly loved "Land of Hope Then, finally, there was silence and Glory", tapping her foot approvingly clapping along and beaming over to her would-be inquisitors stepped forward once again. "Ladies and gentleman, will you kindly now stand while the Royal party take their leave of the

> FBK looked over to her friend again, amazed with mirth. Here was a fresh memory of Wembley for her. "And all those reporters there waiting for me..." She looked as if she would enjoy dining out on

> The royal party had gone now but the MC had not. "I'm sure." he said, "You would now like to show your appreciation of the Scots

Guards. The music swelled once more.

Fogarty

focused

amends

to fans

BY NORMAN FOX

on making

MOTORCYCLING

A YEAR after disappointing over 60,000 motorcycling fans at Brands Hatch by falling from his Ducati, the British former World Superbike champion, Carl Fogarty, returns to

the scene tomorrow in an attempt

to reward them with victories in

what could be a farewell appearance.

After eight rounds, Fogarty aged

32, who won both superbike races at

Brands Hatch three years ago and

was world champion in 1994 and

1995, is in fourth place in the over-

all championship which is led by the

Australian Troy Corser, also on a

But Fogarty, from Blackburn, is more concerned about repaying the

loyalty of his fans and winning at

least one of tomorrow's two races.

"There's been a lot of talk about me

retiring" he said. "But all the time

I think I can win, I want to go on.

Even so, his retirement is expected

After being fastest in yesterday's

practice that was for a long time

dominated by Steve Hislop, Britain's

"wild card" Yamaha rider, the

chances of Fogarty succeeding at Brands are greater than of eventually recovering all of the lost ground

Although he started the season

with a win in Australia, various me-

chanical problems and what he ad-

mits has been his own inconsistency

have condemned him to a support-

ing role, which he has hated so much

that he has deflected rather than de-

For most of this season, his spec-

tacular red Italian Ducati has been

left wanting for acceleration by Japanese machines. Corser al-

though only 11th fastest vesterday

and with only one victory, has raced

his Ducati consistently in the top

points scorers. He is familiar with

Brands, having won there before. He

also has an advantage this weekend in knowing that two of the fastest rid-

ers in superbike racing, the New

Zealander Aaron Slight (Honda) and

the Japanese Kawasaki rider Akira Yanagawa, were both victims of

frightening crashes in the last round

in California. Yanagawa suffered head injuries but Slight, who is sec-

ond overall, escaped with a badly cut

foot which, however, did not stop him

Apart from Fogarty and Hislop.

British interest tomorrow will be on

who tumbled off yesterday but

walked away, and Neil Hodgson on

a Kawasaki. Last year Hodgson

rode brilliantly at Brands, with a

fourth place, while Whitham's en-

thusiasm rarely gets rewarded on the

spectacular Kent circuit which

brings back bad memories. Just be-

fore the 1995 event he was taken ill.

Later cancer was diagnosed. After

a full recovery, he is now holding

eighth place in the championship.

achieving third fastest yesterday.

at the end of the season.

in the championship itself.

nied retirement.

"New coach Henry has a safe pair of hands

RUGBY UNION

BY ROBERT COLE

GRAHAM HENRY waltzed into Wales vesterday on the first assignment of his £1.25m job as the new Wales coach and promptly soft-shoe shuffled around every curve ball thrown

The 52-year-old New Zealander. faced by a barrage of television cameras and journalists, picked his way through the questions with extreme caution.

Henry is being hailed as the new Messiah of Welsh rugby, but he left no rope dangling with which to be hung the months ahead by not making anything remotely approaching a rash promise

The man who has enjoyed almost unblemished success with Auckland, Auckland Blues and New Zealand A now finds himself in from South Africa.

"I have come with no pre-Welsh players to be like any other player anywhere in the world, to have a desire to do their best." he said.

"I want committed guys who give 100 per cent to the team and are obligated to their training and fitness. want them to be excited about playing for Wales and I want them on the edge of the edge."



Henry: wants Wales to be 'on

As to Welsh expectations when they host next year's World Cup there was another neat side-stepping answer. "As long as there is an upward slope of improvement, most people will be happy with that," he said.

And as to taking up the poisoned chalice there was more of the same. "Every coach realises that if they don't produce results they can't expect to last," he said. "That is part of the deal and I am comfortable with that."

Henry, who takes over three months after the departure of Kevin Bowring, will return to Wales to take up his post on 28 August will then go under the microscope in a big way, starting with the Test against South Africa at Wembley in November.

"There is a great passion for the game in Wales and that was a major reason for me in accepting the offer, but the foundations have to be there to produce a good team." he said.

You cannot put the cart before charge of a national team still com-ing to terms with a 96-point hiding crucial if Wales are going to be competitive.`

Henry has indicated he is likely conceived ideas and I expect the to take a couple of Welsh club coaches aboard his coaching team, but he will not be rushed into anything he may later regret.

"I need time to get the feel of things," he said. "It won't be tomorrow and it might not be in 90 days. There is nothing worse than making wrong decisions and then having to change them.

"It was a great honour to first be asked about the post six weeks ago and now I am delighted to be here. I will do as much as I can to ensure Wales get the results we want."

It has been one long success story for Henry so far, but now comes the real test of his coaching ability, with Henry admitting he has been "fortunate" with the players and teams he has worked with over the last seven years. Having said that it is worth noting that of the 39 Super-12 matches Auckland played under his guidance, they won 32, drew one and lost six.

As to his style he left no one in any doubt that he is very much a handson man. "I am a coach - a tracksuit coach - and I always have been a coach." he said. "I am not a manager



Conditions in the Solent were tough for the Commodores' Cup and Cowes Week, starting today, can expect the same

Radio days at Cowes Week

TURN ON, tune in, go racing is the message from sponsors Skandia Life as they hand out 416 little yellow radios to competitors in Cowes ek, which begins its eight-day testival of sailing today. Of course, there will still be the tradition of flags breaking out their signals and cannons reinforcing them to inform the smaller, mainly dayboat classes, of the courses they are to sail and

This time they must listen to Cowes Week Radio as well for all of that, though for many it will the same as usual, just follow the ones in front. The grown-ups in the bigger keelboats are all expected to have radios, so all their information will be sent

by radio, flags only being used for

There have often been many of those, but this year it at least looks as if that all-important racing fuel, wind, will be available. It was in precious short supply far too man) times last year, when one complete day was lost, the opening one, and many smaller classes lost three or

There may also be a last-minute rush for oilskins among the 835 entries, about 100 down on last year, but judging from a High Street boasting one new delicatessen opposite an Island Sailing Club installing extra bedroom capacity and a handful of new restaurants the party will be as strenuously contested as the sailing.

Not knowing whether to be happy or unhappy is Peter Poland, boss of Hunter Boats, who make the popular 707. He is happy because, with 35 entries, they outnumber all the other sportboats, but unhappy, ber there are less than 50 although the main reason for that is that a couple of dozen of them instead went to Cork Week earlier in

The Cork craic is getting the upper hand," says Poland, indicating, perhaps, that it should be the Cowes Week organisers that should be unhappy. Take out the day boats and the number of entries for Cowes Week is now well below those attracted to south-west Ireland every two years.

Both are also major beer festi-

vals, though Cowes likes to project a more champagne image, but people only have a limited number of weeks they can absent themselves from work. So it will be one of the jobs of incoming regatta organiser Stuart Quarme to m premacy of Cowes, bringing in new ideas as well as vital sponsorship money. He works alongside the retiring Dan Bradby at the Cowes Combined Clubs nerve centre this week. Next month he is on his

At least Cowes Week also now stands alone, separate from the Rolex Commodores' Cup, which finished two days ago, and separate next year from a reorganised Admiral's Cup, which will also be staged in mid-July.

after the ice dance short programme

Butyrskaya. The American teenag-

er was greeted with thunderous ap-

she finished with a flourish. The

Russian Victoria Volchkova, who

turned 16 on Thursday, was lying

third in her first senior competition.

American flyweight Roberto Benitez

In the boxing semi-finals, the

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from the world silver med

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The number of days that David Unsworth was an Aston Villa player - one of the shorest sojourns in football

short-termers - Joey Beauchamp's 56 days at West Ham, Asa Hartford's 61 days at Notingham Forest and Clive Allen's 62 days at Arsenal - seem like seasoned

Bullets for sale but future looks secure of the courses they are to sail the countdown to their starts.

BASKETBALL

BY RICHARD TAYLOR

THE BUDWEISER play-off champions. Peugeot Bullets Birmingham. are up for sale, but their owner. Harry Wrublewski, has allayed fears for the club's future by saying: "I won't leave this club high and dry. My gut feeling is that I will still be here at the end of next season." The new Budwieser league cam-

paign begins in six weeks. Bullets are having talks with Nottingham Panthers ice hockey club to buy 50 per cent of the franchise. But the situation has arisen only because Wrublewski wants to return to his home in Australia, where his mother is dying of cancer.

In seven years Wrublewski, with the Australian-based backing of his brother Mike, has built the Bullets into probably the most financially secure and best supported club in the

When word circulated that per-

sonal reasons might force Wrublewski to return home, Panthers quickly approached.

Wrublewski said: "We had 60 spectators at our first game, now we can draw up to 10,000. No one need have any fears for the future of this club. We have put the Bullets on a stronger footing than any team in the league. We are having talks with Panthers but there are no deals on the table and there is no contract." Bullets' 6ft 11in international

Chris Haslam has signed for the Greek Second Division Appollon Patron, leaving the club to search for an American big man to replace

The Nigerian Julius Nwosu has tested positive for ephedrine at the World Basketball Championship the sport's ruling body: Fiba, said vesterday. He has been suspended from the rest of the tournament and if the second test proves positive he faces a ban from national and club basketball for between one to three

Thompson's footnotes to history

GOODWILL GAMES

JENNY THOMPSON clocked the fourth-fastest butterfly split in history on Thursday during a triumphant evening for the United States in the Goodwill Games team swimming competition.

The five-times Olympic champion helped the United States to win the opening event, the 4x100 medley relay, against the World All Stars with a split of 58.33sec for the butterfly leg.

She then captured the 100 metres butterfly in 58.72, the 12th-fastest in made it to the wall, luckily I was this year's Nagano Olympics, led Armenian Vakhtang Darchinyan.

history, only minutes before switching disciplines and anchoring the 4x100 metres freestyle relay quartet to victory by 0.39sec. The final relay win was sufficient to give the US the match 65-57 and keep them on course for the gold medal today. The Americans will meet Germany, who defeated China 80-42.

Thompson said: "The last five metres I felt like that guy in Saving Private Ryan, all slow motion, a blurry daze where you can't figure out what's going on.

"I was just dead, somehow I

there first. I knew it was going to be difficult, but I had no clue it was going to be this difficult. I was just hoping I would survive this whole ex-

The South African double Olympic champion, Penny Heyns, won the 100 and 200 metres breaststroke in 1:08.14 and 2:27.98 respec-

The Olympic 200 metres freestyle champion, Franziska van Almsick, won her gold medal event plus the

100 metres butterfly for Germany. Michelle Kwan, silver medallist at

celebrated his 18th birthday with the biggest win of his career. Benitez, one of three US teenagers to advance to the finals, outpointed the

history. Unsworth makes other

veterans

Taking a dart at brownies on the wildest moor

-NO NO Brian. My legs just won't go that far." said I in unbelieving voice. verging on the high pitched. "Oh dear. OK then, let's find an easier bit to cross," said Brian in a lovely West Country voice.

Brian Easterbrook, latterday prison officer, 1994 English Rivers fly fishing champion, member of the 1995 and '96 England international fly fishing team, was trying to make me cross the West Dart river. A tiny river by big boy Scottish salmon river standards, a truly beautiful clear river - punctuated by boulders. rock pools and stones - but a river that could nevertheless be difficult and bitchy

Easterbrook, despite being retired, was like a mountain goat. He would say "Let's cross the river," and I would think "Where" and he would simply skip, jump and stride from one slippery rock to another.

We met him at Two Bridges.



ANNALISA BARBIERI

ON FISHING

Easterbrook packed our lunch and extra clothes in his back pack and off he strode, his long walking staff in one hand and rods in the other. Not even the extra weight of our provisions slowed him down.

We walked for an hour to get to

were to begin fishing, trekking through some awesome scenery. We passed through Beardown, the last place on Dartmoor where bears were seen, now long gone, and then saw the West Dart waiting for us in the valley below.

When we reached the river Easterbrook set up our rods, while we stood far back from the river so as not to scare the fish. These were no fat, Champneys-reared trout but wild and magnificent brownies who made news if they reached three pounds: there's no rich pickings here to feed off and life is hard. Hence the West Dart rears tough little fish, who are some of the finest I have ever seen, but they are

difficult to fool. Easterbrook (biggest trout from this river: 41/-lb, some 25 years ago) uses a 10ft Aiken rod with a 3lb breaking strength line and a very And all the time you have to keep light, long leader. Usually land he's your fly in the air while walking.

the part of the river from where we been fishing the Dartmoor rivers for more than 50 years) he would put three flies on at once, but this is quite advanced and tricky so we used one fly only.

Then we were off. Easterbrook

put the two of us on separate stretches of water and we were to leapfrog each other so as not to fish the same pool twice. It was at this point that I realised this was going to be no ordinary experience. Fishing Dartmoor rivers is arduous, the terrain is - like its fish - completely wild. You flick a fly into the water a few times and then immediately move on a few steps because you will have fished that water and spooked the fish.

But these few steps aren't easy. There's either a rock to climb over, or a hole to not fall into, a quagmire to avoid or some general topsyturviness to send you off balance.

I lost count of the number of potholes I fell into. One minute I was talking to Easterbrook, the next my right leg had disappeared into the earth up to my thigh. "Don't break him, easier. As my knees touched

five miles from the nearest house." At one point, surrounded by quagmires of unknown depth which I could not try out with my stick (essential on Dartmoor) because Easterbrook had inadvertently gone off with it, I really wished I was anywhere but on the banks of the West Dart, But then I caught my first brownie of the day - despite breaking all the rules and casting over the same spot some 12 times because I couldn't move anywhere else - and he was beautiful. Only a matter of ounces but I could have entered him for any trout beauty contest.

I raised maybe five more fish from the same spot, all on a size 16 Black Pennell. So much for theories: a bit of level ground and I nibbled fish always surprise you.

Easterbrook could see I was having a hard time of it and decided to take me a bit more up river how I too could keep up with Mr E where things were, according to and skip across rivers using boulyour leg," Easterbrook said, "we're my chin on a particularly steep ascent up the bank, Easterbrook asked me what terrain I was used to. "Pavements and carpets," I joked. "Just as well I didn't take you

> I gently explained that definitions were blurred. To Easterbrook the jungle is probably a nice warm place with a few leaves and some interesting noises.

to the East Dart," he smiled, "it's

really wild there."

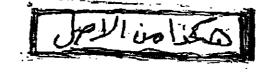
We passed Wistman's Wood. a medieval forest with its mysterious gnarled, lichen-draped trees that grow out of bleak, rocky soil. You cannot help but fall in love with Dartmoor and its abandoned, don't-givea-damn beauty. For lunch we found on my delicious pasty from the

(highly recommended) and thought ders as stepping stones.

As the pure, bracing air slapped my cheeks I followed Easterbrook to another spot. He led me through five-foot-long grass, "All I can see is your hat!" chuckled Easterbrook as he looked behind him. "As long as vou can still see that," I thought, "a quagmire won't have claimed me."

The afternoon wore on with me catching two more glorious, perfect brownies on a Brian's Green Fly and a Half Stone. The day ended at about five. Easterbrook, with his clippers on an old bit of string round his neck, fair skipped away while I, exhausted but exhilarated, watched him go. The West Dart, beautiful, difficult and wild as she is, gave me the best day's fishing I've ever had.

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Bail for SP reporter

BY RICHARD EDMONDSON

NEAL WILKINS, the Press Association's chief starting-price reporter arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to defraud on Monday, was yesterday bailed while investigations continue.

Wilkins collapsed when officers from the Metropolitan Police's Clubs and Vice Unit raided his home and he was taken to hospital. He was well enough yesterday to attend Charing Cross police station, where he was expecting to be interviewed, However, Wilkins was merely told to report back on 19 November.

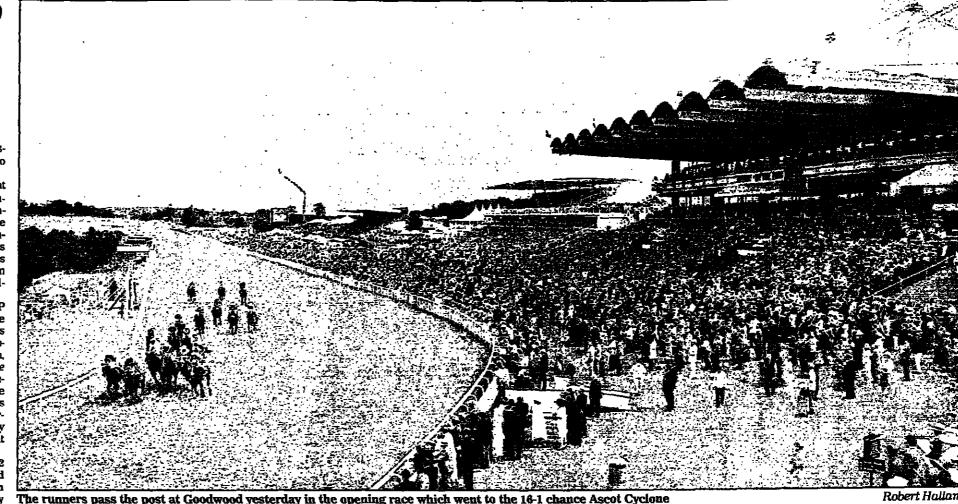
He expressed his dissatisfaction at the delay and said he was available at any time to assist inquiries. *Mr Wilkins has been involved in the racing industry all of his adult life and. until the events of this week, he has never had any slur placed on his character," a statement from his solicitors said. "He is keen to see this matter re-

solved as expeditiously as possible so that he can return to work on the racecourse.

"Mr Wilkins is confident that there is absolutely no foundation to the as yet wholly unparticularised allegations made against him. He is gravely concerned and suspicious that his arrest was driven by others within the racing industry as an attempt to discredit him for ulterior motives."

Wilkins, 49, has been an SP reporter since 1973, one of the team of men who returns prices from the racecourse. He has anpeared frequently on television, both as a guest of C4's The Morning Line and market informant for the BBC. He is one of the most recognisable figures on the southern racecourse circuit, an always immaculately dressed figure with a penchant for substantial cigars.

Yesterday's results, page 22 Tomorrow's cards and Hyperion's tips will appear in the Independent on Sunday



runs well in this type of race. Night Shot: Consistent sprinter successful on softish ground.

Literary Society: Looked in need of this trip at Ascot (50 last time.

The Gay Fox: Held by several rivals

Rudi's Pet: Well beaten recently.

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Masha-II: Beat 23 others over

course and distance in June with

Lamarita: Good third at Epsom in

Stand Tall: Useful round the gaffs

but yet to run well at this grade. Always Alight: Has run respectably in big handicaps Tough.

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2.35 ROCOM SELLING HANDICAP (LADIES RACE) (CLASS F) £4,600 added 6f

13 666691 RICH GLOW (8) N Bycrot 7 10 5 Pasiline Robson 7 N -00005 SMOOTH PRINCESS (8) J First Card 3 10 5 Susworth (3) 9 Susworth (3) 10 Susworth (3) S

3.10 PRICE WATERHOUSE COOPERS MAJDEN HANDICAP (E) £5,000 6

3.40 BARCLAYS BANK HANDICAP (CLASS D) £7,000 added 1m 4f

24558 CRYSTAL FALLS (S) (D) (BP) T Easterby 5 10 0 .K Carley 7 1064A MCGRLYCUDDY RESISS (12) E Indse 7 9 10 .Non Tinider 4 00.560 ANOTHER NIGHT (10) P METRY 4 9 4 ... N Callino 7 100-040 CANADIAN FANTASY (15) Mrs V Vend 4 9 4 T Williams 2 B

056063 RMENGOLD (21) (D) T Etretington 4 9 3 O Pears 3 -02011 CAGE AUX FOLLES (14) (D) J Hills 3 8 13 Carroll 5 0-6465 KINGODA GUEER (12) Mas J Carrecho 2 8 3... P Brailley (1) 8 52020 HILL FARM DANCER (15) (D) W Brisbourre 7 8 0 ... A Genth 6

BETTING: 9-4 Cage Aux Folies, 4-1 Crystal Falls, Kingdom Ousen, 9-2 McGällycuddy Reeks, 7-1 Hill Farm Dancer, 12-1 Ribeinbold. 20-1 Others 4.10 LORDS TAVERNERS HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 1m

1 00-00 H NOD (29) (C) MSs JA CATTOTO B 9 IS _ . G Parkin 2
39-280 CELESTRA, KEY (7) (C) (IV M. Johnson 8 9 IS _ . Flanking 6
3 313502 High Strett'9 (22) (CD) T Easterby 4 9 9 . K Derkry 5 B
4 (2201) POLSKA MODELLE (14) (D) J Gooden 9 39 . A Genth 5
43-4 REAP REWARDS (39) J Fiz/Gerald 39 2 _ . A Whelen 4
5 30050 JAY/OWE-TWO (38) (D) R Whaler 4 8 IT Dean McKeown 10 V
5 00500 JED) XNIGHT (49) (CD) N W Easterby 4 8 9 . T Lucto 8
8 21-00 FAR REMOVED (7) Ms J Ramaden 36 7 R Lappin 9
9 401236 KASS ALHAMA (26) (D) D Crepmen 5 8 6 . . N Caltan (3) 1
10 (035321 SWAM ISLAND (16) (D) W Brisbourte 4 7 II . . . S Malentey 3
- 10 declared -

- 10 decisred -BETTING: 4-1 Polska Modelle, 9-2 High Spirits, 11-2 Far Removed, Kass Alberra, 8-1 Celestial Key, Jedi Knight, 10-1 Swan laland, 12-1 othera

4.40 WISDEN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) 55,500 added 3YO fillies 7f 03-22 WIGGING (30) N Graham 8 Ti

- 4 declared --BETTING: 2-5 Wigging, 3-1 Harbiya, 10-1 College Rose, 25-1 May

HAMILTON

5.55 Marisol 6.25 Inca Tern 6.55 Philmist 7.25

Inchalong 7.55 Offic's Chuckle 8.25 Irish Cream

ADMISSION: Club \$12; Grandstand \$7 (\$4 for OAPs, disabled

& students). Accompanied under-tis tree. CAR PARK: Free.

LEADNRG TRAINERS: W Johnston — 38 winners from 144 runners gives a success ratio of 20.7%. J Berry 36 from 236 (15.3%); Miss L Pernitt 21 from 250 (15.4%); Miss Revelby 9 from 239 (14.7%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: K Darley 29 wins from 191 rides gives a success ratio of 15.2%; J Carroll 29 from 219 (13.2%); A Mackay 44 from 122 (19.7%). IN Kennedy 14 from 95 (14.7%).

FAYOURITIES: 219 wins in 565 races (35.6%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Tempramental (8.25).

5.55 KIDSONS IMPEY APPRENTICE H'CAP (ROUND 5) (F) £3,500 1m 3f

6.25 SILVER & BLUE NOVICE AUCTION STAKES (QUALIFIER) (E) \$4,000 2YO 5F

6.55 HAMILTON ADVERTISER SELLING STAKES (F) £3,500 added 1m 4f

STALLS: 'm 1! - Inside; rest - standa side.

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DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5! and 6!.

Right-hand undulating course with pear-shaped loop.

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GOING: Soft

- 6 declared -BETTING: 10-11 Mame Of Our Father, 11-4 Influence Pedier, 5-1 For ever Grey, 7-1 Strongalong, 33-1 others 7.45 INTERFLORA NOVICE HURDLE (D) \$3.800 added 3YO 2m If 110yds

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1 PANNET FEBRUARY (F30) L Barati 10 5 ... R Massey (2)
12 MESS MUFFETT (F30) L Barati 10 5 ... C Lieuwillyn
12 declared SETTING-9-4 Lord Of Love, 7-2 Fifton, 7-1 Guaranteed, 8-1 Always Steep,
Manila Moon, 12-1 Are Yer There, 14-1 Crosby Don, 16-1 others

8.15 FRESHNEY PLACE NOVICE HANDI-CAP CHASE (E) £4,500 added 3m 1f OCASE THE FLYING DOCTOR (7) P Bowen 6 1 TO ... Withston 1945U MR PBINSR (2) 1925C 20 13 ... A S Smith 303 33 SUPER RITCHART (25) E Pasny 10 11 ... A S Smith 303 33 SUPER RITCHART (25) E Pasny 10 11 ... A S Durack (3) GANG P SARLIN MINISTREL (23) A PRINCE (10 5 ... C. Uswellyn B 6-57-42 MALIHABAD (19) P POINTREAS (9) 10 4 ... Gary Lyons 3-2420 THRITT BELOW (25) M C Pagnan 9 10 2 ... Withorhandon 6-634 OMER STATED (70) LYACE 8 10 0 ... K. Johnson 1951. OUDIAAL CROSSETT (5) E Care 13 10 0 ... Mr J Crowley (7) - 8 declared -

Micrount weight, 10st, True hand, an engite United Cossell St. 11th.
BETTING: 9-4 The Hydrig Doctor, 3-1 Super Ritchart, 7-2 Sallin Minstral,
6-1 Maintabad, 8-1 Mr Roiner, 10-1 Thirty Below, 25-1 Over Stated, 50-1

8.45 LADIES IN HALF PRICE NOVICE 1 40-23 SCOTTISH BAMBI (7) (0) F Webber 10 12 0 ... A Caritty
1 40-23 SCOTTISH BAMBI (7) (0) F Webber 10 12 0 ... A P Microsy
3 5-70 KEEN WATERS (19) (CD) (EF) M Ppe 4 11 0 ... A P Microsy
4 (24-12) MOS 907 (17) 155 S Smh 7 15 6 ... O F Ryan (3)
5 40-37 SEA GOD 142) W Creption 7 12 9 W Worthington
6 100-50 ALONE TABANIQUE (35) 5 Debter 6 15 ... C Lienellyn
7 F-24-13 GRANNAM PRIDE (19) (0) W Seeby 9 20 9 Powell B
5 500 THE COTTONWOOL KID (F14) Mass 1 Sodd 6 7 (0) K Johnson
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6 100-50 Alone Tabanique (35) 6 10 5 ... Mass 1 Sodd 6 7 (0) K Johnson
7 F-24-13 GRANNAM PRIDE (19) (0) W Seeby 9 20 9 BETTING: 8-4 Keen Waters, 7-2 Sporky, 9-2 Scottish Bambi, 8-1 Mo's
8 Boy Sea God, 14-1 Granham Pride 16-1ethers

7.25 EBF GLENGOYNE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £10,000 added fillies & mares 6f

- 10 declared -

7.55 ROTHMANS NORTH SOUTH HANDI-CAP (D) E7,500 added 3YO 1m 1f CAST (12) E7-GDD GOUGHA STO IN INTERCEPT AS CONTROL OF THE INTERCEPT AS CONTROL OF THE

Managum weight: 7st 10th True handleap weight: Colours To Gold 7st 5th BETTING: 4-1 Stant Warning, 5-1 Buzz, Technician, 6-1 Ashleigh Balca, 7-1 Milling, O'Re's Chucide, 16-1 Wolfey Park, 12-1 Others

8.25 BOTHWELL NURSERY HANDICAP (QUALIFIER) (E) £4,500 added 2YO 6f

-8 declared -SETTING: 2-1 Perigeox, 8-1 Ringside Jack, Vosturgh, 7-1 Highly Fan-cied, Tempramental, 8-1 Irish Cream, Mins Multiply, 10-1 College Dean

Racing analyses today's Stewards' Cup at Goodwood Bold Effort: Fair eighth in the Wok ingham and then got up in the last stride at Sandown (stiff 50. Often

Simon Holt of Channel 4

Selhurstpark Flyer: Splendid front-runner who, despite advancing years. is better than ever. Fire Dome: May develop into Group borse and is well handicapped.

Nigrasine: Winner over seven furlongs and has speed for this. Exposed. Eastern Purple: Runaway winner at Haydock in May and fair fifth at Newbury on latest start. Gaelie Storm: On a hat-trick fol-

lowing victories at York and New-castle. Progressive type. Chances. Proud Native: Successful over five furlongs at Doncaster in March but "duck eggs" for form figures since. Superior Premlum: Third (and best of far-side group) in Wokingham at Royal Ascot and has won twice since. Should run a big race. Dancethenightaway: Finished fast in the Wokingham, Inconsistent.

Triple Hay: Course-and-distance scorer in May and made bold show when fourth at Newbury recently. Double Action: Was never going in the Wokingham. Likes cut. Nuclear Debate: Fast-improving printer from shrewd yard. Consider Surveyor: Unlucky third at Newbury

ast time. Open to improvement. Qilin: Well-beaten third in listed race at York. High in the weights. No Extras: Three times a course winner between six furlongs and a mile and looks tuned up for this. Strong finisher from stable in form.

Sylva Paradise: Fourth at Ascol form working out wells on last start Distinctive Dream: Disappointing Kilculien Lad: No chance with win-

Sharp Hat: Must improve.

ner when second last time. Speedy Ansellman: Hardy veteran who seems better in claimers nowadays Conclusion: FIRE DOME could be a Group horse in a handicap.

GOODWOOD 2.15: Frankie Dettori's booking for the handily-drawn Dandy Dancer catches the eye. Richard Mullen is a useful 5th-claimer and can get the best out of HOH STEAMER.

2.45: Docksider has good going does not turn soft. However, the great promise of SPIN-DRIFT means that John Reid's mount must be the selection.

3.20: Midnight Line disappointed when only third in the Oaks. She looks vulnerable to the Irish challenger KITZA

3.50: If more rain arrives, Ray Cochrane would have a fine chance on the seemingly well-drawn Eastern Purple. But another rank outsider to consider is SYLVA PARADISE, Both stable and horse look to be returning to form, and Michael Roberts did not give his mount a hard time

when fourth at Ascot last week. NEWMARKET

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HYPERION'S

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amongst the winners of late, and CHLO-JO can continue the good ground and in the mud.

3.45: MONSAJEM hit winning form in August a year ago and the colt is capable of establishing a pattern. Despite his long absence from the track, he has more scope

than today's rivals. 4.15: FIRST MUSICAL seeks to extend her winning sequence to five. This filly is a tough sort who has shown admirable enthusiasm

4.45: John Gosden's handicappers have been picking up plenty of prize money lately and MIGRATE can add to the coffers. The recen rain should help the filly to defy a 3.15: Mel Brittain's yard has been 5lb rise for her Yarmouth victory.

Goodwood 3.20

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HYPERION 2.20 Fill The Bill 2.50 Announcing 3.25 Flaxley Wood 3.55 Danegold 4.30 Miss Ondee 5.05 Persian Butterfly 5.40 Timmyjohn

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ELEADING JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 56-96 (296-8) C Liewellyn

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2.20 ROUNDHEAD SELLING HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,000 added 2m

CLASS 9, 22,000 added 2m

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1970 DESERT GREEN (FR) (F30) R Face 9 if 0

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2070 SCHOOL (F8) R SCHOOL (F8) R JOHNSON B R JOHNSON B RISE ABOVE (F8) R SCHOOL 4 if 0

2070 BETTING, 4-5 Fill The Bill, 9-2 Desort Green, 6-1 Flahlve # First, 8-1 Halham Tarn, 10-1 Douiss, 25-1 Pocono Knight, Rise Above, Formershare 2.50 LEVY BOARD NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) \$3,000 added 2m

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- 8 declared -BETTING: 5-2 Announcing, 6-3 Praeditus, 7-1 Mr Speculator, 10-1 Love Venturo, 25-1 Sylvan Heights, Toski, 33-1 others 3.25 BROMYARD NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) 25.500 added 2m 7f 110yds

DUS-1 FLAXLEY WOOD (10) (CD) # Sucider 7 T 8 B Power SOUNTER BREEZE (26) (D) F Abor 11 19 J Culloty
PT-67: GLADSTONE (10) (D) Abos 563267 3 11 2 Gary Lyons
False: UP AND OVER (9) (D) A Title 7 11 2 Mrs F Needham - 4 declared -BETTING: -- 6 Flasky Wood, 7-4 Winler Breeze, 10-1 Up And Over, 25-1

3.55 EVESHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) 25,500 added 3m FIRE COURT CIRCULAR (19) (CD) W Car, 9 n n G Tomey V ETEN DICTARIN (39) U FOR SEE SEE

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10 declared - 10

5.05 RESTORATION NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (E) £4,500 2m 4f 110yds COM HUNTERS' HEAVEN (17) / Madrie 7 m 10 . E Husband (3) S462 O'NAAN (20) M Page 5 m 9 A P McCoy 8 DORRESTON BOYD (20) T V. 15 to T B Powell V
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BLUSTERY DAY (26) J Duttere 8 (15) P Healey (3)

G CODE: GAVASKAR (29) A Street 9 TO S Wynne S FSW PRIDEWOOD GOLDING (20) C J Proc T TO S Miss E James 8-1 Hunters' Heaven, Persian Bugarily, Dormston Boyo, 10-1 others 5.40 WORCESTER OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (H) £1,500 added 2m

5 GENEROUS DEAL (81) Mail State 4 10 12 A P McCov B CHARTAGOE HILL ? S. Wetter \$ 0.00 ___ JA McConty B (
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PROSE OF CARTMELL S. 5 COSTRAIN 5 0.00 ___ S. Wymne JOLLY RICK J Mark 4 0.7 ___ ... Air R. Forestoll (7)
4 ON OUR TOES (28) P Frost 0.7 ___ J Frost

= 13 declared -BETTIRG: 5-2 Flagship Thereso, 3-1 Timmyjohn, 5-1 Generous Deal, 7-1 Dancer's Chief, 10-1 Chartridge Hill, Pride Of Cartmell, 16-1 others

HYPERION Great News 7.35 Philosophic 8.05 Puzzlement

8.35 Red Rabbit

LINGFIELD 6.05 Groom's Gold 6.35 Whatta Madam 7.05

GOING: Turf - Good to Firm; Al-weather track - Standard.
STALLS: Turf: Straight - stands side, Round course - outside,
AWT - riside DRAW ADWANTAGE: High best on turf up to 71.

• Left-hand course

• Course is SE of town on 82028. Lingfield station (served by
London, Victoria) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Cub P13, February

• Enclosure P10. CAR PARIX: Cub P13; rest free

• LEADING TRAINERS: G I. Moore 84-65; 1229-3, R Harmon 50-37;

1753-1. Total Number 1000 11.278; (1000-1). P1000-1000-1000.

© LEADING INVARIANCE & HONORD 9-400 (22%) IN HUMBRIC STATI (135%), LORD HUMBRIC & 199%), G Kelleway 39-227 (15%) ● LEADING JOCKEYS: S Senders 66-568 (11.6%), W Ryan 34-212 (16%), C Rutter 25-256 (36%), J Relid 24-45 (168%), ● FAVOURITES: 751-2255 (33.3%) BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Hortzontal (7.35), Balkleborough Boy National PUB.

6.05 COURIER NEWSPAPERS APPRENTICE HANDICAP (G) £2,500 7f 140yds

6.35 LADY ELIZABETH CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) 23,000 added 240 6f

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| 5 SHOOT THE RAPIDS (6) R Harmon 8 12 R Perham 10
| 10508 TOY TRADER (9) A Jarva 8 12 D Sweeting 4
| 02 MAGIC MEMORIES (5) D Beworth 8 11 N Politard (5) 6
| 030 GOLD COAST (7) S Down 8 10 Politard (5) 6
| 330KC COSMO JACK (11) M Pipe 8 9 M Roberts 12
| 0000 MALCHIK (11) P Howling 8 8 Paul Eddery 3
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- 13 declared -BETTING: 9-2 Cosmo Jack, 5-1 Whetle Modern, 11-2 Shoot The Rapids, 6-1 Lament, 7-1 Tey Trader, 8-1 Banningham Breeze, 10-1 others

7.05 FITZPATRICK MAINTENANCE AUC-O FAR CRY (8) Sr M Prescott 90...
322 GREAT NEWS (21) (BF) I Balding 9 0...
481 WISH YOU LOVE (83) R Harmon 9 0...
4842 MY BOLD BOYO (14) D Elsworth 9 0...
544 PARTING ECHO (17) J Toller 9 0...
544 PARTING ECHO (17) J Toller 9 0... . .J Stack 10 l

- 10 declared -SETTING: 13-8 Great Nove, 9-2 My Bold Boyo, 6-1 Fer Cry, 8-1 i Wish You Love, Parsing Echo, Silversmith, 16-1 Gildensleve, 20-1 others 7.35 ROBIMATIC PLC CLASSIFIED STAKES (AWT) (CLASS E) £3,750 2m

8.05 GUARDWORTH HANDICAP (CLASS E) £3,750 added 1m 3f 106yds

— 14 declared —
BETTING: 4-1 Denesman, 5-1 Admitatic Secret. 6-1 Gee Bee Boy, Serendipity, 7-1 Opera Buff, 8-1 Puzzlement, 10-1 Hamboquin Wells, 12-1 others 8.35 LADY CHRISTINE HANDICAP STAKES (AWT) (F) £3,000 fillies & mares 1m 2f - 11 declared -BETTING: 4-1 Misconduct. 5-1 Silankia, 6-1 Little Mise Ribot, 13-2 Pep-

pers, 7-1 Respherty Seuce, Special Person, 8-1 Sessy, 10-1 others

FIRST SHOW Goodwood 2.45 114 52 114 52 52 Equity Princess 41 92 92 41 72 Great Dame 92 92 92 51 41 Soviet Bureau 11-2 51 51 51 51 Bold Edge 5-1 5-1 5-1 9-2 6-1

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Gastic Storm 16-1 12-1 16-1 14-1 Prostorian Gold 3-1 11-4 11-4 11-4 11-4 Superior Promision 16-1 14-1 16-1 16-1 Instruction 13-2 7-1 7-1 13-2 13-2 Trippin Hay 16-1 12-1 12-1 12-1 Muntalei <u>24 13-2 6-1 6-1 6-1</u> Dispinative Dream 44-1 18-1 16-1 20-1 <u> 2001 - 112 71 71 81 81</u> Hight Strat 20-1 18-1 20-1 20-1 Monagem 91 91 91 81 81 Salhurstpark Flyer 16-1 22-1 16-1 16-1 Cyberjecturology 8-1 10-1 9-1 3-1 10-1 Double Action 251 221 251 251 Page 1960 141 151 161 151 251 <u>_ 201 34 34 34</u> 34 Kadaniann ... 351 351 331 401 <u> 201 28-1 26-1 20-1</u> Each way a fath the occide, places 1, 2, 3 Dancesberight 28-1 25-1 28-1 28-1 28-1 25-1 20-1 ___<u>33-1_25-1_25-1</u>33-1 Septem Purple 251 30-1 251 25-1 roud Native 28-1 25-1 38-1 38-1 <u>281 351 351 351</u> Sylva Paradise <u>28-1 23-1 23-1 25-1</u> 33-1 40-1 33-1 33-1 Liberary Society 33-1 40-1 25-1 33-1 33-1 40-1 35-1 40-1 <u>50-1 50-1 40-1 40-1</u> **591** 251 401 401 <u>50-1 50-1 33-1 39-1</u> The Gay Fox 45-1 50-1 45-1 43-1 501 66-1 501 50-1 **661** 501 401 401

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Go high for new lottery

BY RICHARD EDMONDSON

inators of a race as complex as the Stewards' Cup, but on this occasion we cannot demonise have come out of the ballot well the big corporations. The race are JAYANNPEE (nap 3.50) was conceived specifically as a betting medium, by the Fifth Duke of Richmond and Lord Superior Premium in 28 also George Bentinck in 1840. Within 10 years it carried £300 of the 2360 prize money at the meeting.

The Duke had been severely wounded by a musket ball at Othez in the Peninsular War, and his race has also damaged many punters for over 150 years. Trying to pick a winner from the 30-strong horde that comes screaming down the Sussex straight towards Trundle Hill has never been simple. And today, for the first time, an even more impossible conundrum is placed before punters. The Tote is launching the Tri-

fecta, its version of the Tricast, on the first anniversary of Peter Jones taking up his position as chairman. Punters are asked to predict the first three in the correct order and a guaranteed pool of £100,000 is part of the shimmering prize. After today's debut the Trifecta will be avail- athlete which has been able on the "best betting race" ie the most difficult), every day.

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"By concentrating on the third, is one option, especially big betting race, the Tote as Henry Cecil, her trainer, Trifecta will generate large observed yesterday that she did pools, and the potential for rollovers," Rob Hartnett, the Tote's has been training well. How-PR director, said yesterday. If ever, Aidan O'Brien's Kitza today's treasure chest in not un- (next best 3.20), the runner-up locked, the pot will move on to in the Irish 1,000 Guineas and Newcastle tomorrow.

The fresh strip of ground that Goodwood opens up on the looks at the mercy of Spindrift far side towards the end of its (2.45), who overcame the useful Glorious meeting invariably Doomna at Salisbury in June. means that a high draw is advantageous. In recent years, only the Group class of animals such as Danetime and Lochsong has managed to overcome a single-figure box.

race occurred at Newbury last an atrocious run, but word ners appeared. Surveyor, the that Chief Rebel (2.40) can Lante-post favourite, was the lever him out of the doldrums.

Starting-prices:

10-YEAR-TALE ON THE STEWARDS' CUP

TD Barron - For The Present (1994). Coastal Buff (1996)

Fets of the favourites: 4 8 15 4 73.918/23 3 2 1/2
Windows's place in betting:0 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 1J

Top trainers: R Hannon - Knight Ol Mercy (1990), Notley (1991

Top jockeys: W Carson - Lochsong (1982), Kings Signet (1983) J Fortune Sweet Chesne (1988), Polar Boy (1989)

1988 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 98 97

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9 20 18 28 5 21 16 30 29 5

best of the bunch that day, but his chance was compromised IT WOULD be easy to identify on Monday, when he managed greedy bookmakers as the orige to find a stone to tread on. In addition he is drawn poorly.

Those Newbury horses who has prospects (he was third in the Wokingham and has won twice since), there is a glimmer that the far three on the track can be the first three home

For the double, I am speculating that a similar bias will occur in tonight's lottery. Here I go for 44,45,46,47,48 and 49. The class animals contest the

Nassau Stakes, which has gone to some admirable fillies in its history. Last Second collected two years ago for Sir Mark Prescott, and her stable is now represented by Alborada. However, this looks destined for an

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Jayannpee (Goodwood 3.50) NB: Kitza (Goodwood 3.20)

contesting Classics this year. Midnight Line, the Oaks third, is one option, especially not stay at Epsom and that she Oaks, has better credentials.

The preceding Listed race

Newmarket services the hopeful with four televised handicaps, but the best bet on the card is away from the cameras, in a maiden. Geoff Wragg may feel he is never going to On form, the key trial for the train a winner again following

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2.15 Hoh Steamer 4.25 WAY OUT YONDER (nap) 5.00 Orpen 5.35 Law Commission

2.45 Spindrift 3.20 Kitza (nb) 3.50 Sylva Paradise

GOING: Good to Soft (Good in places). Penetrometer 3t, STALLS: Straight – stands side; Round – Inside (except trn4t, outside). DRAW ADVANTAGE: High in 2:5 & 3:50.

Right-hand course with sharp bends and gradients.

Course is N of Chichester between A286 and A286. Chichester station 4m. ADMISSION: Richmond Enclosure – members and their guests only; Gordon Enclosure 2:20: Public Enclosure 17. (Under-17s free); Trundle Enclosure free, CAR PARK: 15; rest free.

LEADING TRAINERS: R Hennann 36-348 (103%). P Cole 31-48 (208%). Sir M Stouts 28-95 (274%). H Cocit 24-101 (238%). J Dunlop 24-203 (118%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: T Quilan 44-295 (149%). L Dettori 42-197 (213%). Pat Eddeny 37-211 (175%). J Reid 36-267 (135%). R Hills 18-17 (154%).

FAYOURITES: 233-879 (34.3%). BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Thrashing (4.25).

2.	.15	VODAFONE NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £15,000 2YO 7f	BBC1
1	22	BATHWICK (15) (D) (W CBlord) B Smart 9 7	RATINGS L Stack 14 97
2	123	red, yellow sesh, striped sieeves and star on cap DARK ALBATROSS (USA) (16) (D K Thorpe) J Durlop 9 4	
3	15	yellow, red sleeves, yellow stars, hooped cap ACHILLES STAR (82) (Achiles International) K Burke 9 4] Weaver 3 88
	deri	blue, white stars, chevrons on sleeves, derk blue cap, whi	ite star
4		LADY GEORGIA (5) (A J Richards) C Brittain 9 4	
5	0452	lack and white (helved horizontally), check cap, yellow slee WOORE LASS (21) (Jimm Recing) R Hannon 9 1	1995 ene C'Neill 4 94
6	044	purple, pink epaulats and slaeves. FAIR FLIGHT (14) (Craits Sultan) E Duniop 9 1	. K Fallon 13 93
7	0112	white, red epaulets, striped sleeves and cap CATCH ME (10) (D) (Mrs J B Mourateld) T Easterby 8 19	J F Egan 10 93
8	00631	Copper, white cross-belts, green sleeves, black cap DANCER (10) (D) (M C North) S C Williams B 13	
8	534	emerald green, yellow stars, halved steeves, yellow cap BROWN'S FLIGHT (38) (Ced Brown) 5 Dow 8 12	J Redd 15 94
10	63024	white, brown hoops, striped sleaves, white cap MISSING TED (8) (GEVET-Jarvis) 5 Dow 8 7	P Dos (5) 2 86
11	064	yelicw, emerald green stripe, armiets and cap HOH STEAMER (49) (D F Alport) M Bell 8 5	Mulien (3) 5 99
12	045	red, black chevrons, white sleeves, black amilete, white or LADY BEWARE (15) (W H Ponsonby) M Chennon 8 4	ip . R Financh 9 86
13		white, red seams, red and white queriered cap MY SMILY (21) (B V and C J Pennick) G L Moore 8 4	
	O.	ange, white spots, orange sleeves, crange cap, white diam	ond

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Bathwick: Hes done little wrong, beaten narrowly in two novice stakes (by Sampower Star at Salsbury last time) and comfortably wrining a maden at Werwick, all at 77 Dark Albatroes Won Kempton maden and placed in small fields for two novice stakes strice, perhape not improving as much as was articipated. Step up to 77 may help Achilles Star: Well supported, clear-cut winner of malden at Kempton (good to sort). Did not come on for that, and has left hick Littmoden. Move up from 57 will suit. Lady Georgits: Shepes as if move up to 77 will suit her very well. Second in 57 Sandown malden before never dangerous in novice stakes at Ascot. Whoere Lass: Won 67 Salsbury malder in Juna. Showed decent rusery form, and that she stays 71, when rumer-up to Catch Me at Chester (good to firm) latest start. Fair Flight: Last of 9 on acit ground on debut. Mid-division last time in 67 mainten at Newmarket. Sure to improve on that at some stage but soft going would be a worry Catch Me: Received 95 from Woore Lass when begang her 1% lengths at Chester (70, good to firm) and now receives just 20. Has improved again since though Danidy Denicer: Very closely weighted with Catch Me on Catterick nursery (71, good) form last time when he won by ½ length. Brown's Flight: Promising that in 61 Goodwood maxien but did not go on as breeding suggested when upped to 77 in an Epsorn maiden last time. Missing Ted: Fair form placed in a maiden and two nurseries, narrowly beaten when fourth of 7 over 71 at Newmerket last time. Subsequently gelded Lady Bewarer. Has shown planny of sality in 3 resce last two outings, while also shaping as if this step up to 71 will be a major assistance.

My Emily: Placed in two spirit markens on a soft surface first two starts, beaten a neck at Bath. Far less impressive over 71 on good ground latest outing. While also shaping as if this step up to 75 will be a major assistance.

My Emily: Placed in two spirit of 7 when favourite at Musseburgh (sort) last time. Codicit: Should stay this try, so will in Re

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VERDICT: Several likely nursery types line up here. Catch Me has already won one and is improving fast enough to gain revenge on Dandy Dancer for that name defeat at Catterick last time. Fair Flight has obvious potential, but the best bet is CODICIL. Lynda Ramsden's charge is bred to stay and has shown her form on a soft surface.

2.45 VODAFONE THOROUGHBRED STAKES (List-ed) (A) £25,000 3YO 1m

red, royal blue triple chamond, chamonds on sleeves, red cap, royal blue da 2m SPINDRIFT (38) (D) N. J Dawson) L Cuman 8 12 _______ J Re pink, marcon chevrons, pink sleeves, pink cap, marcon star 2-5125 EQUITY PRINCESS (24) (D) (Maktourn Al Maktourn; M Johnston 8 7 D Holland 4 125 2512 EQUITY PRINCESS (24) (b) (HARCHER IN MARCHER) M (1915) 15 1 th Hodelin 4 125 royal blue, white chevror, (50th blue cap, white star — 8 declared — 8 declared — 8 declared — 8 forest Bureau, 6-1 Sold Edge, 8-1 Dockside, 18-1 Speediff Too, 33-1 Sky Rocket 1957: Cape Cross 8 12 1. Detton 3-1 (J. Gossien) drawn (5) 6 ran

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Speedix Tibe: Wet on top eventually in Kempton listed race (tm) after trouble in runing, 8h in 2000 Guineas and 6th in the St. James's Palace. Consistent and acts on soft Beld Edge: Has really come into his own this eurome; winning conditions status and second in Jersey States and Newbury fisted race. Acts on soft but big staming doubts Doctation: Runner-up in two group races last term and again, in German 2000 Guineas, latest start. Both runs so far on a soft surface have been disappointments. Great Dame: Easy winner first two starts 1998, but only 8th of 9 salong big step up in class in Group 2 (fm, good to soft) at Royal Asoct. Imiz proably not ideal lest time 5tly Rocket: Promeing as 2/u. Less so as 3/u, last of 6 in conditions states but poorly drawn on selff handlarp debut in Burbury Cup. First by over soft surface and the Soly Rocket: Promeing as 2/u. Less so as 3/u, last of 6 in conditions states but poorly drawn on selff handlarp debut in Burbury Cup. First by over soft surface and complete them to starts before the self-er to win conditions states here (im, good) by 1//, lengths from Green Card. Tried in top company for both earlier runs on soft surface. Spindrift: Herd to fault so far, in Newmarket maders (fm) by 1//, lengths from Doomna Equity Princess: Proven at Im and on a soft surface, and form claims too following 1/-length second to Fitzed in rated states at Aset. Fifth in a Newmarket Group 2 VERDIDICI: The two to concentrate on are Spindrift and EQUITY PRINCESS. Spindrift. VERDICT: The two to concentrate on are Spindrift and EQUITY PRINCESS. Spindrift clearly has great potential, but Equity Princess is preferred because of her proven effectiveness under today's conditions.

	20	VODAFONE NASSAU STAKES (GROUP 2)
15	.ZV	(A)£75,000 fillies & mares 1m 2f
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1	0-0152	ARRIVING (8) (D) (Wyck Hall Stud) J Hills 4 9 1
		white, light blue chevron and sleeves, black cap
2	3311-1	ALBORADA (35) (D) (Miss K Pausing) Sr M Prescott 3 8 9
		white, emerald green hoops on body, white cap
3	3-1404	CLOUD CASTLE (57) (Seeed Manara) C Brittan 3 8 6 J Rekt 2 118
		white, red sash, red and white striped cap
4	45	DAPHNE'S DOLL (40) (Mrs A Gordon) Miss G Kelloway 3 8 6
		mercon, white chevrons and sleeves, quartered cap
5	1120	DIGITALIZE (USA) (24) (C) (S Xhaled) H Cecl 3 8 6 D Holland 9 110
		white, emerald green chevrons, striped sleeves, quartered cap
6	1	KISSOGRAM (40) (Helens Springfield Ltd; L Current 3 8 6 Dettort 6 91
		black, white spots, black sleeves, white cap
7	02122	KITZA (20) (Atts E M Stockwell) A P O'Brien (rt) 3 8 6
		medonna blue, brown cross belts, blue cap
8	15-123	MIDNIGHT LINE (57) (C D BF) (Prince Feind Salmen) H Cecil 3 8 8 K Fellon 4 112
		dark green
9	12	ZANTE (51) (K Abdullah) H Cecil 3 B 8
		green, pink sash and cap, white sleaves
	_	- 9 declared -
BEI	TNG: 5-2	: Mikinight Line, 3-1 Alboracia, 4-1 Kitze, 5-1 Kissogram, 6-1 Cloud Castle, 10-1 Zaote,
16-1	Digitaliz	s, 33-1 Arriving, 150-1 Daptine's Doll

997. Rystan 3 8 9 M Hills 9-4 tav (J Gosden) drawn (5) 7 ran FORM GUIDE

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Arriving: Marked improvement to win issed race at York (m2l, good) in May and has since proved that that was not a flute. Has to find good deaf more again here through Alborade. Stear to 1996 where of this, Last Second. Progressing in good style, winning frish group race final 2yo start and another (m2l, soft) on her responserance Cloud Castile. Won the Nell Govin (good to soft) and strong-firishing fourth in the 1000 Gainese. Below best in the Oaks set time, but few doubts that she stays tim2? Daphne's Dolt Fourth and fifth in two maiders give her no chance on form Digitalize: Every secuse (hampered) in Group 2 last time, but second to Hunters Of Sicre at Newcastle (Im. good to soft) belies something to find. Uncertain stayer (Kissograss: By Casrleon out of sister to top-class Miligram. 5-1, won maiders (Tin, good) at Yarmouth. That were promising and she will stay, but the is another class (Kiza: Runner-up in classics last two starts, beaten neck by Tanscon in Irish 1000 Guineas and 7 lengths by Whoma in hish Oaks. Act on soft, Leading contender Midnight Line: Runseaw winner of Newmarket listed race (m2). Beaten neck by Bahr in Musicions Stakes at York (good to soft) and 6% lengths by Shehrouch in the Oaks Zants: Gutsy winner of maiden at Kempton (Tin, good), Looked to be outstayed by Putuna in fisted race at Newbury (tim2), soft). Has to prove class and stamma.

VERDICT: Midnight Line clearly has the ability to win a pattern race this season but she may well and up denied once again here. The one to do it is KITZA whose form in the Irien Oaks last time was probably a little better than that of Midnight Line at Epsom.

3.50 VODAFONE STEWARDS' CUP (HAN- BBC1 DICAP) (B) £80,000 6f -04611 SELHURSTPARK FLYER (43) (C D) (C & A Deuters) J Berry 7 9 10C Lovether 13 108

1-4203 STAND TALL (15) (D) (C Hardy) Lady Hernes 6 8 5 ...

black and red (quartered), red and white halved sleeves, white cap 2-0220 DISTINCTIVE DREAM (34) (D) (A Bremner) Lady Hernes 4 8 2 ... (I Duffield 24 B 109 dark blue, white diamond, diabolo on sleeves and diamond on cap

29 010002 KILCULLEN LAD (14) (D) (G Tobit) K brory 4.8 1, N Pollard (5) 2 V 107

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Sethurst Park Flyer: In superb form in June, winning £25,000 contest at Epsom and the Wolanghern at Royal Ascot. Up another 6tb. A Beby pace-setter down the centre Fire Dome: Stays 6t gues very well on soft and with waiting factics, but not that restable. Very much one of his better days when winning Sandown listed race last time Nigresine: Won 71 listed race at Haydock in June. Subsequent fourth of 7 at York (6t, soft; off 1b higher than today) suggests something to find. Races up with pace-leastern Purplie: Easy winner of rated states at Haydock (6t, good to soft); in May and ran well again latest start. Still has potential for better under soft conditions at 57 Gaette Storm: Marked improvement in the mud over 61 at York and Newcastle last two starts, wenther both. Should no well again.

Geeilic Storms Marked Improvement in the mud over 61 at York and Newcastle last two starts, werning both. Should go well again Proud Netives Appeared to improve when winning 5t listed race (good to soft) at Doncaster in March. 61 form and recent efforts are less encouraging Superior Premium: Third in the 6f Ayr Gold Cup and Wokingham, first home far side in latter off 3b lower mark than today's. Has won both starts since, so every chance Demostrationlightaways. Goes well on a soft surface, as when strong-finishing head second to Sethurst Park Flyer in the Wokingham. Does not always give her running though Triple Hary: Wion at Goodwood in May and narrowly beaten in the Surveyor race at Marchael and time Soft are not form as a unique work input in 30th in the Wokingham. Implie may: won at cocordoo in way and narrowly beazen in the Surveyor race at Newbury last time. Soft-ground form is a worry, including his 13th in the Wokingham Double Action: Caught the eye when second to Gaelic Storm at York (61, soft) and was second isnounite for the Wokingham, boiling over however and finishing behind Nuclear Debete: Took nine stans to get off the mark, in 61 Thirsk maden. Best coming late, and did so most impressively in Gosforth Park Cup (61, soft) last time. Surveyor: Looks the proverbial winner without a penalty after his neck third in rated states at Newbury (61, good) last time, having no luck and running on strongly Office Innoven on entit is indoor. stakes at Newbury (61, good) last time, naving no such and numery or opening.

Offine Unproven on soft surface. Has gained both wins over 61, latest in conditions stakes at Newmarkst in June from Nackwah. Handicap debut

Clifire Unproven on soft surface Have gothed both wins over 6t latest in conditions stakes at Newmarkst in June from Nadwah. Handcap debut No Extract. 1997 seventh, and twice second over 6t here later last summer. In good form in 1998, winning at Newmarkst (7t) and running-on 6th here (min) two days ago Bold Effort 8th in the Wokingham and led post in 12-tunner race at Sandown (5t good to soft) 5t days later. Unperallated for that success Niight Shot: Won quite valuable event at Ascot (5t good) in June. Looks held by Surveyor on the form of his sixth over 6t at Newbury last time. Looks held by Surveyor on the form of his sixth over 6t at Newbury last time. Literary Society: Up 9th since styles while at Newbury last time. Literary Society: Up 9th since styles while at Newbury last time. Literary Society: Up 9th since styles while at Newbury last time. Literary Society: Up 9th since styles while the handicapper may have his measure. The Gay Forc Paced against two uned far rail when winning at Sandown (6t heavy) in April. Not much encouragement of thigher marks last 4 starts. Harmonic Ways; 6th better off with Gastic Storm for a 2½-length beating at Newcaste (6th harmonic Ways; 6th better off with Gastic Storm for a 2½-length beating at Newcaste (6th harmonic Ways; 10th better off with Gastic Storm for a 2½-length beating at Newcaste (6th harmonic Ways; 10th over 5t at Sandown (good to soft) and Doncaster in 1957 for Richard Harnon. Has hinted at netaining that ability, but has never been the most reliable Jayantipee: Still will instated on the best of the 1937 form despite going up 6th for his rarnow victory at Bath (57t, good to soft) in June. Usually held up Masta-It Well touted early in season and finally came good in 24-numer race over this randwide early in season and finally came good in 24-numer race over this course and distance in June, and in pretty good style. Wouldn't want it too soft Lenatritie: Has shown tendency to hang bady left, spoiling her chance.

Stand Tall: Won over this tirp off 68 and 7½ l

VERDICT: The draw, as usual, is a complicating factor, with the chance of soft ground thrown in now as well. The last time that the ground was on the soft side in the Staw-ards' Cup, with the leaders on the far side, was way back in 1990. The high numbers have also had nost of the successes since. Surveyor, justifiedly at the rage since his Newbury third, is the best of those drawn low, but most of the interesting runners are drawn logh. Harmonic Way, Distinctive Dream and Eastern Purple all enter calculations, but the one that stands out is SUPERIOR PREMIUM, who has run very well in other time swint handleans will act on the cround and is in very cood form. in other top sprint handicaps, will act on the ground and is in very good form.

4.25 TURF CLUB RATED HANDICAP (CLASS C) £15,000 added 3YO 1m 6f added 3YO 1m 6f

1 0-223 NORY CROWN (23) (D) (Serendphy Partnershp) E Dunlop 9 7 ... M J Kinane 7

4102 BILEPRINT (22) (The Queen) Lord Hurtingdon 9 1 L Dettori 11

3 0-24 GENEROSITY (36) (Pricce Faitu Sainran) P Cde 8 2 T Quinn 6

4 40223 WAY OUT YONDER (21) (D) (Michiburn Al Makiduum) B His 8 11 ... D Holland 2

5 0-34 THANSHING (81) (Sased Manner) C Britten 8 11 ... M Roberts 10 B

6 -2215 PARRUMANI STAR (15) (D) (Windhower Holdings) J Dunlop 8 11 K Fallon 8

7 6-22 KANT (35) (Hermitian Al Makiduum) M Tiegoping 8 11 K Fallon 8

8 0-502 TENSILE (20) (8F) (Mrs V Shellon) L Currant 8 11 J Ried 4

9 0-2521 CORBLUI (10) (D) (Shelich Mohammed) Si M Stoute 8 8 ... W Ryan 1

10 214 RAFTING (57) (8F) (A Lillingston) M Lomiston 8 4 S Sanders 1

44-21 ADESTE FIDELES (17) (Capx 8 W Bell) M Bell 8 4 R Multien (3) 8

- 11 declared - R Multien (3) 8

Attinumum weight: 8st 40. True handloop weight: Acides Frides 8st 18: BETTING: 7-2 Painumani Star, 11-2 Retting, 6-1 Corelli, 7-1 Blueprint, 8-1 Way Out Yonder, 9-1 leary Crown, Tensila, 10-1 Generosity, 12-1 others

1997: Liffin 8 6 L Dettori 13-2 (J Gooden) drawn (14) 14 ran

EBF RICHARD BAERLEIN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £10,000 added 2YO 6f

- o geogred BETTING: 9-4 Pythios, 4-1 Alabaq, 5-1 Peroxing, 5-1 Debaal, Orpen, 12-1 Just Wiz, 20-1 Duchess
Of Fernara, 25-1 Blue
1997. Tamansk 9 0 T Sprake 11-4 jt fav (R Charlton) drawn (8) 9 ran 5.35 TRUNDLE CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS C) £10,000

added 7f Penalty Value £7,010

BETTING: 7-2 White Heart, 9-2 Heavenly Ray, 5-1 Fitting, 6-1 Dushenbe, 7-1 Jorrocks, 8-1 Law Commission, Mister Rando, 14-1 others 1997: Dancing Image 4 9 2 L Detton 13-8 Sav (I Balding) drawn (3) 7 ran

NEWMARKET

2.10 Robber Red 2.40 West Escape 3.15 Chlo-Jo GDING: Good, STALLS: Far side (except im 2) plus - stands side).

3.45 Monsajem 4.15 First Musical 4.45 Migrate

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High best for 58 & 61.

Right-hand course with 1m straight (July course).

Course is SW of town on A1304. Bus link from Camil p 22-131 (15.8%), J Gosden 20-136 (14.7%), L Cumani

19-128 (143%), R Hannon 17-196 (8.7%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: D Harrison 11-82 (17.7%), M Hills 10-128 (7.8%), R Hughes 5-70 (7.7%), G Bardwell 5-50 (8%), FAVOURITES: 222 wits from 551 races (38%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: U K Magic (visored, 3.15). The Haka (visored, 4.15). 2.10 YE OLDE OAK READY RICE STAKES (CLASS C) 28,000

427 MEMEER (USA) (12) (II) Streich Mohammed) J Gooden 9 1.

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428 ROBBER RED (15) (BT) Devid Albry B Meetan 8 17

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KUNNATT DAWN (Greenfield Stud) K Mehd 8 3 - 5 declared -BETTING: 11-10 Menear, 7-2 Compatriot, 9-2 Robber Bed, 5-1 Tough Guy, 14-1 Kowelt Dawn

2.40 DODSON & HORRELL MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £6,000 added 2YO 6f Penalty Value £4,230

3.15 YE OLDE OAK HANDICAP (CLASS E) £6,000 C4

white, red chevron, royal blue sleenes, red cap -28043 COURAGEOUS (14) (H R H Prince Fetal Salment P Cale 9.2 ____David O'Nell (7) 6.74 dark green
1-0045 FLYING BOLD (33) (The San Purises Club; W Mar 9.2 1-0045 R-YING BOLD (33) (The Sun Puriora Cab) W Mar 9 2 J Williamon (5) 18 80 white, red and white check sleeves and cap of the process of th J **Williamon** (5) 18 80 marron, light blue steeves, light blue cap, margon clasmond
040 MALAYAN MOON (Sig (Ingmaring Park Stud) Lady Homes 8.8 ... D 0'Donoboe 17.77
Ally blue, scarrier quantissed cap
060-00 HASTATE (15) (Lord Howard by Walder) W

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Mamphile Dancer: Never recovered from a slow start at Nevetury and was short of room on previous start at Chapeter: Longer top today should sut Mampoon: Doopped away (severath of eight) after leading at eyr test time. Faster ground today but would not seem good enough

Poto Venture: Lingfield Equitrack winner who was outpaced at Salisbury last time (won by Pairuman) Start, Today's race seemingly weeker. Courageous: Third to Teberaker at Nottingham last time after starting the season on the all-weather. Has only an each-way chance. Plying Boldt Winner of a nussery at Newbury last backend and latest two starts have been encouraging. Linely to be suried by this extra quarter-mile. U.K. Magic: Beasen favouritie at Windsor last time when Pat Eddary-ridden after his second to Two Socks at Warwick. May be ridden with more restaint today. Blint St. James: Held up in a stowly run race at Pipon last time, beatan just over two lengths by Serm Croix. Has claims in a weaker hardcap. Lord Warbord: Prorising fourth to Prestorian Gold at Chepsiow but no significant progress for the step up in trip at Salisbury. Another here contesting a weeker race. Chio-Joc Made all in soft ground to beat Torso at Proteferat (tim 2t). Meets Tu 7to better on tatest form and could yet do well over this longer trip. Maleita: Enjoys a 5th pull with Tul on Windsor running in June. She won only a salier at Brighton in May but this race eart much better. Presc Hard-pulier. Resing has dropped 10th for two showings this season. Maleisyan Moore: Has contested three decant maidens with little promise. Still a possibility in this poor race off a plater's mark. Hastistic Has looked the type to do better over a longer trip and gets his chance today. Short of room on home turn at Carliste last time.

Cosmic Girt: See was a sprinter and little promise on three runs to date. Tut: Far showings still the type to do better over a longer trip and gets his chance today. Short of room on home turn at Carliste last time.

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VERDICT: This must rate the worst race televised by Channel 4, especially at New-market. The exposed types Lord Warford, Chilo-Jo and Tul should be up there banging away and Riying Bold is a Newbury winner on a tair mark. Malayam Moon and HASTATE are less exposed and the latter wouldn't have to be a world bester over the longer trip to collect.

3.45 H & K COMMISSIONS HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,000 added 1m 2f Penalty Value £6,316

- 9 declared -EETTING: 5-2 Bold Faith, 11-4 Praetorien Gold, 5-1 Mentalel, 13-2 Infatuation, 8-1 Zagudi, 9-1 Men-salem, 10-1 Cyberiechnology, 12-1 Rare Talent, 40-1 Kademann.

FORM GUIDE n: Needs to be held up for late run. Handicap mark has shot up for a Doncaster win lest September but should be spot on after two runs Kadamenn; Former high winner who showed little in two races on these shores in 1996.

Last seen over hundles in March

Cybertechnology: Kept on strongly to beat Rymer's Rascal at Redcar (7t) and has proven form at this longer trip. Did nothing on faster ground at York (I'm) last time but should Zugudi: Played a prominent part when fifth to Veronica Franco at Ascot lest Saturday.

Zagguer Payer a profittiest part when that to elected in the Landschild Country. Down in distance today and possibly not good enough Muhatelet. Travelled well in the visor to win amateurs' race by three lengths over course and distance eight days eigh. In stronger race today and 7th higher mark Prestorian Golds Goodwood and Chiepstow winner in June and a cracking second to let Cahill at Ascot eight days ago. Now takes on older rivers with a fine chance Monsajems. Won for the Godophin team lest term and ran well in subsequent runs-Monsajem: Won for the Godophin teem less term and year was a susception in the energy to appreciate this longer top on first start for Ed Dunlop Bold Faith: Three times a winner at this trp, at Lecester, Newbury and on this course. Only 3b higher for the latest success from Give Me A Ring Rare Talent: Wins at this trip and faith handcapped on the Chaster success from No Clackes. Ran below form when favourate at Windsor last Monday.

VERDICT: Praetorien Gold is sure to go close if reproducing his fine effort against Mr Cahle at Ascot, and Monasjem is interesting at this distance on his first start since leaving Seeed bin Suroot. But the solid runner is BOLD FAITH, who won over the course and distance last time and getting the weight here on her bid for a four-times. 4.15 YE OLDE OAK TOP DOG NURSERY HAND-ICAP (B) \$25,000 2YO 6f Penalty Value \$17,350

- o presents -Minknum weight. 7ct 10th. True tendicap weight. The Hela 7st 2th. BETTING: 7-2 Minnesola, 4-1 First Musical, Calcutta, 9-2 Saatland Rock, 11-2 Swynford Welcome, 8-1 Xsynna, 12-1 Temara, 25-1 The Halis

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First Musical: Witner of last four starts against numerous previous winners. Earlier second to Flanders at Beverley also highlights her chance today with her usual apprentic. Seatend Rook: Outobassed in Listed race at Newbury after the numer, win at L. g-field. Will do well to confirm earlier form with Xsyma on 16b worse terms. Tamana: Soft-ground Catterick winner who finished 9th to Brit Alici, at Roral Ascot. First run today over 6t and possibly not good enough. Minnesoda: Two wins over 7t and reeded every yard of trip to beat the plater Tampa Lady in a nursery here eight days ago. Return to 8t could count remission. The support of the promise in a weak maiden suction at Redcar last Searciay. Stable to be respect in nurseries in a weak maiden suction at Redcar last Searciay. Stable to be respect in nurseries. Calcutta: Won small race when favourite at Ayr after kidding off with third to begeniced stablemate Sheer Villing in May. Could be on terient handicap mark. Kaynna: Had looked moderate until the second to Seafend Rock at Lingifield. Should at least reverse that form with a healthy 16b transround.

The Haiker-Hasht shown too much and was over eight lengths behind Minnesota on Southwelfs sand two outings ago. Now tried in a visor.

Southwest said and obudge age. Now the first all, yellow the first and the VERDICT: Like her trainer Mel Britatin, First Musical has hit form with a vengeance. She goes flat-out from the break and this nursery tooks within her range. Interestingly, Jay Gee won this last year after a Windsor confitions success and First Musical goes for the same double. There could just be one to beat her, however, in the shape of CALCUTTA, from a yard just getting back among the winners. 4.45 CAFFREY'S IRISH ALE HANDICAP (CLASS D) 26,000 added 3YO 1m Penalty Value £4,854

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Waiting Knight: Some promise shown in malders but a big flop when last of three to Spring Fever at Ayr lest time. Handicapped on early season 2nd to Chattan. Honest Borderer: Beeten over a longer trip at Salisbury and then no show against cider horses here (won by Mount Holly, Would not seem good enough Krisamba: Frith to Floraz: in a warner-producing race at Sandown in April and return to a mile is warned judged on subsequent showings over 7? Sunstmatic Appreciated the step up to this trip (and drop in class) when bearing 17 rivels at Nottingham with Welcome Sunset in fourth Raised 7th in a stronger race Minette: In-form filly who caused a surprise when holding Pan-B here last morth. Still on a good mark and dright get best of units when 2nd to London Be Good on Wednesday Migrates: In hot praces as a juvenile and took advantage of lenent racing to beat Dantree and the taxounts Shocker at Yarmouth. Leading chance off the 5th higher mark Former Lovac Better for her reappearance outling in a decent race at Newbury. Showed promise as a juvenile but possibly not up to this task. Fluish: Third to Yarabil and Sweet Fee on reappearance and in Listed race next time. Had big weight when unplaced at Selsbury last time and has ew. chance Rom's Pact. Has won just once from 25 starts but closely matched at the weights with Minetta on early-seeson form. Better for he taxes attempt and could surprise

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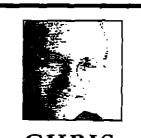
VERIDICT! Migrate could well improve further after winning her first handicap at Yarmouth on her reappearance, and Minetta is still on a tentent handicap mark, since the course win from hotpot Plan-B. The race is fair from being a match and the suggestion at the bigger odds is RON'S PET, who has slipped down the handicap



Anguish of a champion on verge of collapse

IT'S A crying shame for Marco Pantani that this year's Tour de France will be remembered as much for night raids and protest pull-outs as for what should, barring disasters, be a fantastic victory especially as his achievement hinges upon two of the most enthralling days' racing for years. Not for the first time, the brevity of Channel 4's highlights programme was exposed as ruthlessiy as last year's winner, Jan Ullrich, on his nightmare day in the mountains. As the police swooped throughout the week and the peloton began to resemble a Second World War convoy being picked off by U-boats, the C4 team struggled to contain the off-road developments as well as all the action in their piddling daily half-hour.

Early on in Monday's crucial stage, won by Pantani to take yellow, Ullrich had been attacked six should all hang together like a



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SPORT ON TV

or seven times by riders who must have sensed his growing vulnerability. All this, though, was perforce dismissed in one sentence by Phil Liggett. Part of the problem, I suspect, is the requirement that it making a smooth narrative disjointed leads to too many sins of

They should also be more flexible when it comes to Gary Imlach's filmed inserts which kick off the second half of each programme. Monday's for example, concerned the three-times winner, Greg LeMond, who was back for the first time since he retired, leading a group of Americans paying a few thousand dollars to see the Tour with their hero. All mildly interesting, except that the C4 team's intentions of filming the party as they handled a climb came to nothing when the American and his charges took a wrong turning. On a day as exciting as Monday they should surely have dropped the

Still, when they got back to the

pulled away on the stiffest climb of this year's Tour, the 8,500ft Col du Galibier, accelerating up hills as smoothly as most other human beings on the flat. Ullrich, poor bloke, punctured at the foot, and when he resumed seemed to have been debilitated by his delay in the spiritsapping rain. "He's going to have to take it like a time trial," said Liggett's co-commentator, Paul Whitelaw's. He looked 100 years old. Sherwen. No chance, As Pantani powered his way home, the German was done for A particularly cruel edit cut from the Italian to Ullrich and his team-mates, about five minutes behind. It was like going from the Keystone cops to one of those pointless pop videos filmed

Finally, Ullrich cracked. His team-mates, Bjarne Riis and Udo

entirely in slow-motion.

torbike camera pulled alongside and held Ullrich's profile for what seemed like half an hour. His face, normally so free and boyish yet focused and self-confident, was scarred with pain - not just the physical agony in his legs and torso. but the anguish of a champion on the verge of collapse. There were bags under his eyes the size of Willie

On Tuesday, though, he was back, as though the previous day's wipe-out had been erased from history. On the slopes of the Madeleine, the last big climb of the Tour, he attacked, pulling away like Michael Schumacher leaving, say. Toranosuke Takagi breathing in his exhaust fumes. No one could live with him. Except Pantani, In Ullrich's pink jersey and the Italian's by 4.500 miles in winter training, and

took the stage by the throat, Ullrich leading the way, Pantani never more than a few inches behind. There was pain etched on the German's face again, but this time it was the determined grimace of a man in control. Phil Liggett recalled the great duelling days of Eddie Merckx and Jacques Anquetil: "it's getting personal," he said. "I wonder what he thinks as he sees them coming," Liggett said as the pair overtook the lone breakaway man.

ride," "Liggett suggested. All the drug coverage meant that Channel 4 was unable to devote any time to telling us a bit about Pantani. Their magazine fills in a few details, though: he rode near-

Stephane Heulot. "'It's the TGV and

I don't think I've got a ticket for this

well-made play, even at the risk of losing the essence. The fear of rain and wet-blanket mist, Pantani lowing at him to carry on. A mothe second of those as an exercise tip better than the first). Three other snippets stand out: his bandana is his most treasured piece of equipment, his favourite music is the Eagles, the best part of the job for him is all the massage, and the worst part is the stress. Presumably the stress of listening to the Eagles. if he only but knew it. Somebody should have a word.

The magazine also, incidentally, contains an optimistic foreward from the Tour director, Jean-Marie Leblanc. "Who will be the chosen champion this year?" be asks. "As long as he is the best, and there are no hitches along the way. that will be enough for us." Oops. By the end, as the peloton limped to Paris, down to around 100 riders, it was almost a hitch too far.

Broncos target St Helens in summit assault

RUGBY LEAGUE

LONDON BRONCOS and Warrington both have St Helens in their sights as Super League comes home this weekend.

Saints, racked by internal problems, are the vulnerable stragglers in the top five and the two chasing clubs who meet at Wilderspool this afternoon feel that they have a chance of catching them.

turn, but the game against Wigan next week is now his target. Wes Cotton is also injured. so a reshuffle in the backs sees Chris Ryan on the wing and Glen Air at stand-off.

The Broncos' new forward lard, is on the bench after arriving from Australia.

"I am so keen to prove myself do so alongside internationals fighting in his comeback match bench, starts at full-back.

like Mark Carroll and Shaun in the A team after recovering Edwards is a huge bonus."

Warrington have a number of injury legacies from their defeat by Castleford in Cardiff, not least Lee Briers' shoulder. Neither side should make up ground on Saints tomorrow, as the bottom club. Huddersfield, are the visitors to Knowsley Road.

Saints are without Brett plus Sheffield Eagles - must Goldspink, resting what his feel that they have a chance of coach, Shaun McRae, describes as "a chronic ankle in-London would be happier if jury" - something that will be they had Martin Offiah fit to re- of concern to Wigan, who have signed him for next season.

McRae has also been told that he cannot select Bobbie Goulding, suspended by the club for allegedly abusing a team-mate in Swansea. There is rich irony in that, in view of from South Sydney, Shane Mil- the way McRae has urged the board to take a firmer line with

Goulding in the past. Sean Long and Tommy Marto Tony Currie and the team, es- tyn are the half-backs in his ab- Harris plays in his favourite ing the way they are," he said. likely to make his first appear-time in Super League this sea-"I have always wanted to play in ance of the season from the son. Marcus St Hilaire, nor the English competition, but to bench, despite being sent off for mally an impact player from the

from a broken arm. Phil Veivers, caretaker coach at Huddersfield, goes back to a ground where he spent 12 seasons without his best forward, Neil Harmon, who was sold to Bradford this week. Harmon and the Bulls' other new signing. Nathan McAvoy, are in the starting line-up against Sheffield.

"There will be two disappointed players in the squad, but we needed that competition for spots," said the Bradford coach, Matthew Elliott.

Bradford, could also slip out of the play-off picture, will be without Bernard Dwyer for a month after knee surgery. Simon Knox makes his first start of the season in the second row.

Leeds have Marc Glanville back at Castleford, but Tony Kemp has joined Adrian Morley on the sidelines so Iestyn



Wally Armstrong finds trouble on the first hole at Wentworth yesterday during the second round of the Schroder Senior Masters Peter Jay

forth after 139

SNOOKER

ROBIN HULL, who makes a habit of reserving his best form for the Grand Prix, convincingly booked a place in the fourth qualifying round of the \$270,000 world-ranking event at Plymouth vesterday. The 23 year old former

world junior champion from Finland highlighted a 5-1 victory over Edinburgh's Craig MacGilivray with a 139 total clearance in the third frame of the contest. That puts Hull, who coinci-

dentally fired in a career-best run of 145 during the 1994 Grand Prix. in line to collect a pre-televised highest break bonus of £1,100.

Hull now meets Hong Kong's reigning world amateur champion. Marco Fu. in the fourth round and needs to negotiate two more matches to secure an appearance at the tournament proper in Preston

Hull sails | Proton pair in hospital

MOTORSPORT

JENNY DAVIES and her co-driver Claire Mole, of the Proton team, were taken to hospital vesterday after being involved in a crash which halted the Stena Line Ulster Rally.

The pair collided with a tree on the second stage of the event, which is the penultimate round of the Mobil 1 British Championship. Neither competitor was believed to be seriously hurt, although Mole was thought to have suffered a back injury:

The second stage was abandoned because of the crash and each competitor was given a notional time before they headed on to section three.

There was some compensation for Proton in that David Mann, the non-works Persona driver, had set the joint fastest time in the opener with Toyota's Jonny Milner. Their Group N

pionship contenders. The twoitre entries were headed by Tapio Laukkanen's Renault.

The Brazilian Flavio Figueiredo is to drive John Cleland's Vauxhall Vectra in this weekend's two rounds of the Auto Trader RAC British Touring Car Championship at Thruxton after the Scot pulled out through injury. The twice British Touring Car champion, sixth in the standings this year, broke a rib at Snetterton last Sunday and despite pain-killing injections he has had to withdraw from the race.

Cleland said: "I'm bitterly disappointed. I'm sure we could have competed well at Thruxton and scored a lot of points. This is the first time in 10 years Tve missed a Touring Car race. It's never happened before and it feels very strange."

Figueiredo, one of the leading Vauxhali Vectra Challenge drivers, said: "It is a very good cars had obtained more grip on chance for me to show what I can do in a Touring Car."

Rose's mark matched by talent of Gossett

ZIMBABWE'S NICK Price issued a warning to his rivals after recovering from a firsthole bogey to tie the Americans Paul Azinger and Russ Cochran for the lead after the opening round at the FedEx St. Jude Classic on Thursday.

Price hooked his tee shot into the water at the first hole, but that was his only blemish as he compiled a six-under-par 65 in steamy conditions at the Southwind TPC. The highlight of his round was an eagle at the par-five 16th, where he hit a three-wood to three feet.

Price, Azinger and Cochran were one stroke ahead of Donnie Hammond. Scott Hoch, Mark Carnevale and the 19year-old amateur David Gossett, who matched Justin Rose for the lowest round by an amateur on the PGA Tour this

Azinger's score owed more credit to accurate approach shots than to a hot putter. He

but only sank two putts from

outside five feet. Gossett, meanwhile, revealed his rich talent with five Sudbury. birdies in the first nine holes on his home course. He got to six under with a birdie at the 16th, before making his only bogey of the day at the 17th. where he sank an eight-footer to avoid dropping two strokes.

The American Junior Golf Association Player of the Year, he has just graduated from nearby Germantown High School and has accepted a golf scholarship at the University of Texas.

He nearly qualified for the past two US Opens, missing by one stroke each time in sectional qualifying.
The England internation-

als Brett Taylor and Ben Mason both crashed out of the English Amateur Championship to leave the semi-finals a seed-free zone at Woodhall Spa yesterday.

Taylor, from the Thorpe Hall

made five birdies and an eagle, club in Essex, was never ahead in his match against Simon Peter Gorry, an 18-year-old Middlesex county player from

> Gorry was two up at the turn and then went three up with a birdie at the par-five 14th and that was sufficient to see him to a three and two success. In the first of the semi-finals Gorry will meet Neil Ride-

> wood from Orsett in Essex, who finished his match in style by holing a tricky birdie putt at the 17th for a two and one win over Newcastle's David Errington. Mason, from Sand Moor in

> Leeds. was bundled out five and four by Manchester's Roger Smithies, who was two up after eight holes and then took the next three in succes-The last semi-final place

> was booked by Bristol's Mark Sanders, who overcame former England junior star Chris Roake from Gerrards Cross

Butler prepared to serve up success

THE GREAT Britain and Ireland winners by a convincing 11-6 captain, Ita Butler, believes a strong team spirit could prove crucial to her team's chances of beating America and retaining the biggest prize in amateur women's golf - the Curtis Cup

in Minneapolis this weekend. The British and Irish side have won the event only six times since its inception in 1932, although they have dommated affairs over recent years, having won four shared one and lost just once since 1986.

Butler's team have been in Spain over recent weeks to get to know each other and to become familiar with the fast greens they will encounter in America. Butler feels the trip has been beneficial and is confident of her players' abilities.

"I won't predict the outcome but I will say that if anyone makes a slip on the course they will pay the price," she said. "We have an excellent team spirit. The girls love the course and are playing well, so we will tackle the match as well prepared as we can possibly be."

At the last tournament in Kil-

margin and three players from that team are in this year's lineup: Elaine Ratcliffe and Karen Stupples who are both 25, and Alison Rose who at 30 is the senior member of the team.

Making debut appearances are kim Rostron from Clitheroe and Hoylake's Fiona Brown - both 24 years old - Rebecca Hudson, who at 19 is the youngest in the side, Scotland's Hilary Monaghan and Becky Morgan from Wales.

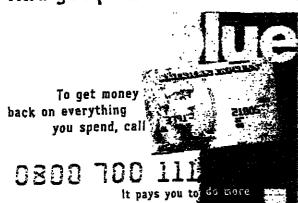
The holders are a youthful side compared to the Americans, who have in their team the 49year-old Carole Semple Thompson, who is making a record 10th appearance since 1974.

Ratcliffe and Stupples will be making their last appearances at the amateur event as they have announced their plans to turn professional in a fortnight's time.

Ratcliffe of the Sandyway Club in Cheshire and Stupples from Royal Cinque Ports in Kent intend to stay in America to compete in the US Amateur Championship at Barton Hills before larney, the home team were moving into the paid ranks.

Do match-making.

And get paid for it.



Courtenay will stay

SHEFFIELD STEELERS yesterday clinched the eleventhhour signing of Ed Courtenay. with the Canadian star signing a new two-year deal after having originally said his goodbyes to the club two weeks ago.

Courtenay looked set to return to his former club South Carolina Stingrays in the East Coast Hockey League. swayed by the offer of a green card which would have guaranteed him future employment in the United States at the end of his contract.

perleague rivals Cardiff Devils. upon hearing of Courtenay's decision to leave Sheffield, decided to try and tempt the forward with a lucrative offer of

But Steelers' Sekonda Su-

to let the Devils woo last season's leading scorer away from the club and decided to make

"This is fantastic news for Sheffield, I think Ed looked at the package we are trying to put together at the club this season and so chose to return," Simms said. "We've got Ken Priestlay coming back and having signed the likes of Derek Laxdal, Ed's signing now completes the final piece of our player jigsaw." Newcastle Riverkings have

bolstered their squad with the addition of playmaker Eric Royal. The Newcastle coach, Alex Dampier, will be hoping Royal can recreate the partnership he enjoyed with the Riverkings' Rob Trumbley when the pair played for Wheeling in However, the Steelers team the East Coast Hockey League.

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Black set for final flourish in Sheffield

ATHLETICS

By Adam Szreter

WITH MICHAEL Johnson declining an invitation to appear and the malaria-stricken Wilson Kipketer also absent, the boost that British athletics was looking for arrived right on cue this week when Roger Black announced that tomorrow's British Grand Prix in Sheffield would be his farewell appearance, guaranteeing an attentance far in excess of what the organiser, Fast Track, could have dared to hope for.

But Alan Pascoe's outfit, while privately pleased with this short-term shot in the arm. will doubtless be among the first to admit that the controversial circumstances surrounding Black's premature retirement could just as easily turn out to be a long-term shot in the foot. The sport in this country needs all the goodwill it can generate and the selectors might have been forgiven for bending over backwards to accommodate the desires of the public to include such a popular athlete.

But by excluding Black from he individual 400 metres at this country champion, head a year's European Championships the selectors bave risked tarnishing the sport's image at a time when, we are told, image is everything.

where we are promised by the organisers that: "with the use of music, a huge video screen and new presentation techmeeting ever staged in this

country". Similar efforts were made at Gateshead earlier in the season but atrocious weather spoiled that attempt, so it is to be hoped you never know.

this time that at least they are given the chance to shine.

Black's 400m race is the final event of the evening and he faces Mark Richardson and Iwan Thomas but not Solomon Wariso, who injured himself in beating Black to third spot at the AAA trials last weekend.

Johnson's absence is apparently due to lack of form rather than money - he allegedly turned down \$100,000 to compete in Paris on Wednesday in favour of returning to train in Texas.

Highlights before that include Colin Jackson taking on the three Americans who beat him over the high hurdles at the Goodwill Games last week winner Mark Crear, Olympic champion Allen Johnson and Reggie Torrian, the fastest in the world this year. Jonathan Edwards confronts the delightfully named American La Mark Carter in the triple jump. while Steve Backley will be aiming for a measure of revenge over South Africa's Marius Corbett, who beat Backley to the javelin gold medal at last year's World Championships.

A couple of interesting 3,000m races see Kenya's Paul Tergat, four times world crossstrong African representation in the men's event while Ireland's Sonia O'Sullivan and Britain's Paula Radcliffe renew their rivalry in the women's The task of rebuilding that race and Svetlana Masterkova, image continues at the Don a double Olympic champion in Valley Stadium tomorrow, Atlanta, re-emerges after a quiet year to attempt a world record in the women's mile.

Given the constraints of its budget and the fact that the niques the British Grand Prix British Grand Prix is no longer will be the most entertaining among the elite in European terms, Fast Track has done well to come up with the names it has. But tomorrow the focus will be on Roger Black perhaps for the last time, but



Carl Myerscough, the British shot putt hope, moves into the final at the World Junior Championships in Annecy, France, yesterday

Chirchir bursts on to world stage

BY STEVEN DOWNES in Annecy

STEVE OVETT, the 1980 Olympic 800 metres champion who once opined that the decathlon was nine "Mickey Mouse" events followed by one proper race, last night sat back and admired the talents of yet another prodigious Kenyan distance runner. William Chirchir, who last year won the Kenya Schools' decathlon, duly took the 800m title at the World Junior Championships here in 1min 47.23sec, prompting Ovett to joke: "I always thought the decathlon would produce a decent distance

mate. Alloy Wilson, also surrunner one dav." Chirchir, 19, took gold from nassed his lifetime best his compatriot, Wilfred Bungei, clocking 46.64. Wilson came matching the Kenyan one two in into the championships having

the previous day's 10,000m final. never before broken 47sec, but hour to spare, and in the final, Behind them in sixth place best times in the heat and semi-finals carried him into was Britain's Chris Moss. But Moss - like the Ugandan and the final, where he finished two other Europeans against whom he battled down the While Wilson arrived in good

racing for bronze. Such comgold medallist, Nduka Awazie, petition dragged Moss through of Nigeria, nearly missed the to a game personal best of very first round of his event on the first morning of the cham-At least Olga Mikayeva of Russia showed that Kenyan Because of a mix-up with distance runners are not entirely unbeatable, outsprinting her African rivals to take

time for his events, the 400m

the organisation, Awazie only landed at Geneva airport -60km from Annecy - one hour before he was scheduled to run in his first-round heat. Waved though Swiss customs, a fast car drove along the Alpine roads with the 17-year-old changing into his running gear

in the back seat. He arrived with quarter of an Myerscough in the shot putt England expects.

left his run for gold similarly late, dipping at the line to deny Australia's Casey Vincent by the slenderest margin of 0.01sec. But then, without such episodes, the charm and innofinal place. cence of these junior championships would have been

Britain's 200m sprint medal pes, Christian Malcolm and Sarah Wilhelmy, both negotiated their two qualifying rounds yesterday with the minimum of fuss and bother. Malcolm in particular, already the 100m champion here, looked in double-quick form, running a personal best 20.73 in the first round.

A medal, perhaps even the gold, is within the span of Carl

ing qualifier yesterday morning, his efforts were limited to a single 18.05m putt, more than a metre further than the distance required to guarantee a

Not since the days of Geoff Capes in the 1970s has Britain produced a shot putter of such imposing ability or, indeed, size: he is 6ft 10in tall, weighs 23st, competes in size 16 trainers and has been plaguing even the most sanguine of the French chefs at the team hotel with his demands for six meals every day.

Born on Trafalgar Day 19 years ago, Myerscough is able to rocket the 16th cannonball through the opposition as surely as Nelson ever did. Today.

Quotes of the week

We were treated like animals, like criminals. Dutch Tour de France cyclist Joroen Blijlevens. on his hotel being raided by police searching for

drugs.
With TVM, it is the head that is to blame. not the legs.' Odile Madrolle, a French magistrate dealing with investigations into the Dutch team's alleged offences.

'Doping now is everything that, firstly, is harmful to an athlete's health and, secondly, artificially augments his performance. If it's just the second case, for me that's not doping. If it's the first case, it is.' Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee.

'You don't think about

personal milestones at such moments.' Mike Liherton shrugs off being left two short of a century vhen England beat South Africa in the fourth Test. T could have been a grumpy old man in 18 months if I hadn't achieved my goal.'

Graham Henry explains why he's taken charge of the Welsh rugby union side rather than waitina to coach his native

New Zealand He didn't train with us today and apparently his dinner would have been thrown in the bin if he had not made it home by

1pm.' Aston Villa manager John Gregory takes a caustic approach to David Unsworth's change of mind.

'I don't understand wives getting involved. They should concentrate on looking after the kids and the house.' Harry Redknapp, the West Ham

manager who let Unsworth go to Villo. takes an old-fashioned view about the role of women in society

*Petchev decides to retire

THE BRITISH Davis Cup player Mark Petchey is retiring from full-time tennis. The 28year-old from Essex made a world too 100, with Michael farewell appearance in the Challenger tournament at Newcastle last week, Peichev. who reached a career-high world ranking of 80 in 1994, is to become a commentator for Eurosport.

As a junior he won four singles and eight national doubles titles before turning professional in 1987. He became a member of the British Davis Cup squad and in 1991 helped Britain regain their place in the World Group when he beat Thomas Muster in

the defeat of Austria in Manchester. The same year he won the Christchurch Challenger in New Zealand, but it was not until 1994 that he broke into the Stich and Michael Chang among his victims.

He reached three quarter-finals and two semi-finals in ATP Tour events while, at Wimbledon, he was a quarter-finalist in the mixed doubles in 1995 and reached the third round of the men's singles last year.

Petchey said: "I have had a great time in tennis and I would not have changed anything I have done in the last 10 years. Now I'm looking forward to my new career."

Pat Rafter the No 1 seed survived a tricky match with Martin Damm yesterday to reach today's quarter-finals of the Mercedes Cup in Los Angeles. Rafter, who defends his US Open title next month, said the knee problem that had bothered him during the French Open and Wimbledon, seemed to have been conquered as he

overcame Damm 6-3, 5-7, 6-1. He took two and a haif weeks off before this event, and said that would be his last break of the season as he prepares to defend his first Grand Slam title. He was encouraged by his victory against Damm, which took one hour and 41

Rafter's compatriot Sandon Stolle, a lucky loser who replaced the injured Thomas Enqvist in the main draw, beat another Australian, Andrew Ilie, 6-3, 7-6. Stolle will now face the fifth-seeded American, Andre Agassi, who beat Jan-Michael Gambill 6-4, 6-4. Agassi had previously been

home straight - was only ever

the women's 800m title in a

400m. Moss's Blackheath club-

In the next men's final, the

time of 2:05.34.

beaten by the fast-rising American youngster with movie star looks. But this time he maintained the recent improvement in his form with a sharp display against the hard-hitting Gambill. Afterwards, he said: "You don't want to lose to someone two times in a row. It's nice to go out and play

Danger of split recedes for uneasy elite clubs

BY BILL COLWILL

THE CHANCE of the elite clubs breaking away to form their own national league has receded following meetings this week between England's director of performance. Chris Spice, and the managers and coaches of the Premier League clubs. Nevertheless, there is still considerable unrest about the way the league restructuring has been handled.

The proposed changes concerned the reduction in the size of the league - 32 teams in

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Motherwell v St Johnstone SCOTTISK LEAGUE CUP First Round:

Brechin v Hamilton....... Clyde v Berwick (1.0)......

Ross County v Montrose
Stenhousemur v East Striling
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HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Brova Rangers v
Deveronvale: Buckle Thisde v Fort William;
Clachnacuddin v Eigin City, Carle Rangers v
Rotnes: Fraserburgh v Forres Mechanics; Huntly v Wick Academy; Lossemouth v
Kerth; Peterhead v Nam County.
J D SPORTS CUP (at Middlesbrough):

3 0 unless stated SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP:

two divisions of 10 and 12 in the essential to success. Clubs bottom division - and the method for deciding the league championship and the entry into the European club championship - a play-off rather than first past the post, together with a number of games being played at the national centre at Milton Keynes, Additionally clubs were told that from the 2000-01 season all Premier League games must be played

on water-based pitches. The proposals, aimed at improving the quality of domestic hockey and hence the national

argued that the reduction in the size of the leagues would reduce revenue and that abandoning the first-past-the-post principle would be detrimental.

In spite of these proposals being rejected at the annual meeting of the National League clubs the English Hockey Association decided to press ahead with the major restructuring which the clubs felt to be unnecessary and being enforced undemocratically. Matters were not improved when Spice made a statement that if the clubs did

ers, pointing out that he had Lottery funding to do it.

A climbdown is unlikely although moving a number of games to Milton Keynes appears to have been put on the backburner. Indeed, one official welcomed the proposals providing the EHA can achieve the £20m funding now being sought from the National Lottery to fund regional hockey academies and

another 20 water-based pitches. The threatened revolt may be over for the present, particularly if the Lottery funding materialises and there is

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FOOTBALL

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SPEEDWAY INTERNATIONAL Third Test: England w Australia (3.30) (ot King's Lynn). PREMIER LEAGUE: Glasgow v Arena Es-est 16.30)

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Selectors to keep faith with England BY DEREK PRINGLE has probably less to 40 with a probably less t

THE ENGLAND selectors, at last able to bask in some late summer glory, look certain to announce an unchanged 12 for the final Test against South Africa at Headingley next Thursday. With the series tantalisingly poised at 1-1, England know they have the team and the momentum to win a series that only a month ago looked beyond them.

The optimistic mood has also manifested itself in ticket sales. After a slow start, interest has reached the point where there are few tickets left for the Friday and Saturday, traditionally the best

England's inconsistency than the alcohol ban placed on the Western Terrace by the Headingley authorities and Yorkshire police.

A perennially rowdy part of the ground, the specific ban on the Western Terrace - spectators in other areas will be allowed to bring in four cans per head - is more likely to incense than control. Although impopular, bans on alcohol should be total and this one is needlessly

Aside from the petulant comments of Chris Lewis, this has been a good week for English cricket. First, Alec Stewart and his men showed they had it in them to win If the public has any misgivings the tough sessions to beat South about going to watch live cricket, it Africa. Then the counties, disre-

agreed to rest some of the weary warriors who had accomplished it.

This kind of co-operation between the counties and the selectors who will also announce an English Counties side to play South Africa in a one-day match before the Triangular tournament - has long been seen as a necessity to furthering England's cause on the pitch. A goodwill gesture at present, such assistance from the counties would surely dry up under a two-divisional stem, unless Test players were contracted centrally to the Eng-

So far, refusals to rest players by the counties have been negligible, though it has mainly been batsmen rather than bowlers (not something

land and Wales Cricket Board.

given the "excuse" note. Both are deserving cases after playing long innings under great pressure, efforts which would have left them mentally as well as physically drained.

The pair also suffer from bad backs: Atherton's is a long standing problem, while Hussain's is a recentiy diagnosed stress fracture, possibly a legacy from his days as a leg-spinner. Both complaints will benefit from a few days' rest.

Angus Fraser, the other vital cog in England's win at Trent Bridge, is also putting his feet up. Fraser bowled 54 overs at Trent Bridge and friendly surface may mean that the tall seamer will surely be grate-

taking wickets, was the profligacy of Ian Salisbury, back in the Test side with a remodelled action.

Clearly nervous, Salisbury was exposed by Hansie Cronje, who cleverly never allowed him to settle. In some ways Cronje's actions were probably a sign that South Africa rate Salisbury who, despite improvements for Surrey this season. was done few favours by the wellgrassed nature of the pitch.

In the meantime, Salisbury should be persevered with, though Headingley's traditional seamer-Alan Mulally may finally reap the reHeadingley. Not long ago it was the norm, and only the fact that this Test is in August, not June, will make the selectors pause for thought.

In any case, with both Mark Ramprakash and Graham Hick able to bowl decent spells of off-spin, an attack of four front-line seamers phis Andrew Flintoff is not out of the question. As always, much will depend on the pitch and weather forecast nearer the time.

A big, burly young man, Flintoff, enjoyed a happy debut. Apart from the excitement of a first Test win, the Lancashire player did not look out of place. Indeed, if he can bring some of the discipline extant in his bowl-

intended when it was first mooted) full that Middlesex have given him the wards of his steady improvement this season. A four-pronged seam at the reasons Fraser bowled so much, sain are the batsmen to have been apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled so much, sain are the batsmen to have been apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled so much, sain are the batsmen to have been apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons Fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons fraser bowled wave apart from the fact that he looked like the reasons fraser bowled wave the reasons fraser bowled wave the reasons fraser bowle proportions.

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The fearlessness of youth is something Hick only ever felt prior to his England career, which was given another chance to flourish at Trent Bridge. In good form for his county, Hick's comeback knock was brief, as he bottom-edged an attempted pull shot on to his stumps.

An unfortunate dismissal in anyone's book, Hick was nevertheless treated to a vicious, personal and wholly unjustified attack in a popular Sunday paper. Providing he is picked, there will never be a better time or place than Headingley next week for Hick to make his reply.

Smith hits reminder of good old days

BY DAVID LLEWELLYN at Southampton

Hampshire v Durham

EVEN GRAHAM Gooch was moved to congratulate Robin Smith on his stunning bun-dred. "Not a bad knock," the England selector managed. "It's going to cost Hampshire a fortune in picket boards." The former England captain,

who was on the ground as much in his capacity of batting consultant to Durham as anything else, was referring to the venom and power of the 24 fours which thudded inces-Smith's flawless innings of 134.

It was only Smith's second century of a season in which he has either been hampered by injury or by the weather. But yesterday nothing could stop n, certainty not the Durnam bowlers or fielders. For some Hampshire old-stagers it was his best innings since his hundred against the Australians in 1993. Smith was not so certain if it was his best knock, all he would say after his brisk 126ball effort was: "I was delighted with the way I played.

"I particularly enjoyed playing like that in front of Goochie. I was totally inspired by the fact that he was here. I have enormous respect for him as a player and as a friend."

Smith made it clear out in the middle, then afterwards, point and established a 193-run that he has not given up hope first-innings lead over Durham.

of an England return - his last appearance was in January 1996 against South Africa in Cape Town - but on the evidence of this, his 55th First Class hundred, he has lost none of his faculties in that intervening period. And he does have 4,236 Test runs at an av-

erage of 43. If Durham tended to bowl a little too short at him all the better it allowed Smith room to batter the boards off the back foot. He was equally punishing on the front foot, though, and hit some exquisite drives back past the bowler. He reached three figures off just 87 balls, santly against the hoardings in . having hooked a six off Paul Collingwood and hit 18 of his fours on the way to the mark.

Surprisingly, given his tally against Durham. He now only needs a hundred against Midthe two sides meet here at the end of this month.

Smith was given admirable support by the in-form wicketkeeper Adrian Aymes, whose First Class average is 52. He passed fifty again and in the process shared in a fifth wicket stand of 159 with Smith in a mere 34 overs. Smith and Aymes were both caught behind by Martin Speight, two of a clutch of victims for the Sussex man. Hampshire hammered home their advantage by collecting a fourth batting bonus



Daryll Cullinan, of South Africa, lashes out against Essex on his way to 157 at Chelmsford yesterday

Amiable Bates lacks Saglain's bite

Sussex 125 & 59-4 Surrey 364

SAQLAIN MUSHTAQ and Justin Bates both bowl off-breaks and both toiled away from the Pavilion End: there are no other similarities. Bates took 5 for 100 in 36 overs while Saglain had 7 for 30 in 192 overs on Thursday but. without Bates, Sussex would not have restricted Surrey's lead to 239 even though it will be more than enough for them.

sommer in the world. Bates turning pitch without being able to take real advantage of it. His control is not good enough and his sting not sharp

enough to cause good bats-

men more than a passing problem or two. This may all seem an overvious and mildly unkind, but it is not often one gets the chance to compare a world champion

While Saqlain is the best willing learner. The best thing place, 51 points behind Surrey. ball from Mark Robinson which Bates can have done in this is an amiable exponent of the match is to have watched every gentle art who was helped by a ball Saqlain has bowled and then to have cornered him in the bar for a chat.

If he has learned from Saglain, Sussex's journey to hope for they have this summer the Oval will not have been wasted. While Saglain has been the main difference between the two sides, he has not been statement of the glaringly ob- the only one. Surrey have played like potential champions while Sussex have looked fortunate to have started this with a young, enthusiastic and round of matches in seventh

For all that, Sussex have kept low, He did so again later done wonderfully well to re- when Alistair Brown was 94 and group as they have this season. For a time, they rose to second place and although a position in mid-table is the best they can

established a satisfactory springboard for the future. The second day's play went according to the script. It began with an array of strokes from Alec Stewart although the

drove Bates to short mid-on.

At one point, Surrey were 193-6 before Brown and Martin Bicknell added 115 for the sixth wicket and Saglain showed that he can also bat better than

Bicknell then took the first two Sussex second innings wickets before Saglain had the two left-handers, Toby Peirce and Michael Bevan caught at slip and, at 59 for 4, Sussex are

Cullinan exploits

DARYLL CULLINAN, dropped on nought, tuned up nicely for Thursday's crucial Headingley Test with an an impressive innings of 157 against Essex at Chelmsford yesterday.

escape

The South African drove at his seventh ball from Neil Williams but Paul Grayson. Essex's stand-in captain, put down a knee-high catch at

Cullinan then proceeded to punish the Essex attack of seam and spin. That added to Grayson's misery as he decided to insert the tourists after winning the toss.

Cullinan, who reached his century off 171 balls, was the major player in a stand of 217 in 56 overs with Gerry Liebenberg, who made 96 to show some timely form before the decisive fifth Test.

It took Liebenberg's aggregate against the counties to 569 for an average of 71, a tour mark brought down to 50 by his disappointing Test form.

Liebenberg departed after four hours, sweeping at Grayson with Tim Hodgson taking the catch off the top edge at backward square leg.

South Africa's only other loss was Gary Kirsten - for 43 from 48 balls - who had his off stump removed by Ronnie irani with the total on 62, Cullinan was dismissed when he was trapped leg before

by Mark Ilott after tea for 157 as the South African declared on 406 for 5. The Essex openers Darren Robinson and lan Flanagan

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survived four overs before close to reach 13 without loss.

Northamptonshire have been drawn at home against Sussex in the semi-finals of the Aon Trophy. Their tie will be played on 17 August while Gloucestershire go to Derbyshire the following day.

Kent struggle as Cork finds a perfect mix

BATTING MAY have been probday, but it was never as difficult as Kent made it appear. The way they dissipated a good start suggested a side lacking form ing his first appearance of the and confidence and Derbyshire followed up a disciplined bowling performance by nudging towards a first innings lead with three wickets down.

Steve Marsh, the Kent captain, obviously had no qualms about batting first on a pitch that had been under wraps the previous day. It was firm and dry, though, and there was no hint of the pitfalls ahead when David Fulton and Ed Smith put on a free-wheeling 70 together. At that stage much of the

bowling was either too short or too full. Both openers made the most of it but the game changed when Dominic Cork. switching his bowlers around, hit upon the right combination in Phil DeFreitas and the leftarm Kevin Dean, each benefiting from the cross breeze.

league cricket until three years around less, both Michael ago but, with his ability to bring the ball back into the righthander, has probably been the revelation of Derbyshire's season. Moreover, his medium pace was perfectly suited to this pitch and in 12 deliveries he took three wickets for five runs. passed three figures.

Fulton and Trevor Ward to edge to slip. Then Smith was palpably lbw playing across a full-length inswinger, all of which triggered off a series of misadventures by the Kent middle-order Nigel Llong, makseason, was also leg-before, somewhat surprisingly padding up to an inswinger. The bowler was DeFreitas, who then opened up Mark Ealham to have him caught at slip. When Carl Hooper was caught down the leg side as he tried to whip Dean through midwicket, it was a bonus for Derbyshire but it meant no way back for Kent.

In one over he persuaded

It got worse for Kent as Julian Thompson had to go off for stitches in his chin and a probable visit to the dentist after ducking into a ball from Cork, who bowled well but emerged wicketless; you might say that he did not quite enjoy the luck he experienced at Trent Bridge.

Thompson, though proba-

bly shaken, was able to return and bowl later. By then, although the sun had appeared Dean, aged 22, was playing and the ball probably moved Slater and Michael May needed their share of good fortune in an opening partnership of 79. Ealham, with his changes of pace, eventually got them both

but Kim Barnett and Robin

Western dug in as the total

Britannic Assurance County Championship

DERBY (Day 2 of 4): Derbyshire (4pts) are trailing Ken (1) by 37 runs with seven first-landage without in hand

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Hampshire v Dorbam SOUTHAMPTON (Day 2 of 4): Hampshire (Spts) are leading Durham (5) by 182 runs with one first-hinings wick

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den 22-5-67-3, M J Foster 3-0-22-0, P D Collingwood 18-8-47-1, M A Gough 16-0-67-0.

Umpires: R Palmer and G Sharp.

Lancashire v Leicestershire

OLD TRAFFORD (Day 2 of 4): Leicestershire (1pt) izave scored 218 for 7 against Lancashire (3). immons c Hegg b Chappie. Ib c McKeown b Martin..... To bat: M.T. Brimson, A.D. Mulfally.

Bowling: Wasim Akram 15.5-3-58-3, P.J. Martin 15-3-41-3,

1D. Austin 14-3-35-0, G. Chappie 11-2-28-1, A. Flintoff 6-2-27-0.

Umples: G | Burgess and P Willey. Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire TRENT BRIDGE (Day 2 of 4): Notes (Apts) are trailing Northants (3) by 304 runs with all first-innings with ets in land.

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Worcestershire v Yorkshire WORCESTER (Day 2 of 4): Worcestershire (3pts) are trailing Yorkshire (7) by 321 runs with three first-innings without in hand. Karkshire won loss

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Warwickshire v Glamorgan EDGBASTON (Day 2 of 4): Warwickshire (4 pts) are trail-ing Glamorgan (3 pts) by 255 rons with nine first-loolings wickets in hand. Warwickshiff won toss GLAMORGAN — First innings Overalght 159-4 (James 53),

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Vodafone Challenge Series Essex v South Africa

CHELMSFORD (Day 1 of 3): South Africa have score 389 for 5 auriost Boson. Esser won loss

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Today's fixtures

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (Third day of four): Derby: Derbyshire v Kent. Southampton: Hampshire v Durham, Old Trafford: Lancashire v Lekestershire. Treat Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire. Worcestershire v Workshire, The Fester's Ovat: Surrey v Sussex, Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Glamorgan. VODAFONE CHALLENGE SERIES (Second day of three): Chetmsford: Essex v South Africa, (Second day of four): Lord's: Middlesex v So Lanka.

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Celtic fly flag for new league

The new-style Scottish Premiership starts today with the accent firmly on youth. By David McKinney

FOR THE first time in a decade the league flag will be unfurled at Celtic Park today. However, aver the briefest of pauses to reflect and bask in the glory of last season's achievement those connected with Celtic will turn their attentions to the forthcoming campaign. The future of Scottish football lies in the new Premiership. with its accent on youth, the winter break and Sunday night football.

As a new regime kicks off, the continuing fragmentation of the action will be apparent immediately, as Celtic open against Dunfermline but then have to wait until tomorrow to assess the strengths and weaknesses of Hearts and Rangers, who are expected to be their sin rivals for the title.

first opportunity for Dr Jozef Venglos, the new Celtic coach, to pit his wits against Scottish opponents following the European ties with St Patrick's of Ireland. He will know (someone will have told him by now) that Dunfermline won 2-1 at Celtic Park at this stage last season. Celtic came back to win the league after losing their first two games and will inevitably look for a better start this time.

"I believe in the players and the organisation of this club." Venglos said. "Hopefully we'll take a positive attitude into presented."

Celtic will be without their Qanish duo of Marc Rieper, recovering from back ns. and Morten Wies who is receiving treatment for knee ligament damage.

Aberdeen, who will be hoping that Craig Hignett will exert a telling influence in the midfield following his move from tough baptism. Middlesbrough.

showed in beating Zeljeznicar in midweek, when Dundee United visit Rugby Park "I'll tell you after this match if our new signings are settling into the team pattern," Williamson

Alan Mahood scored the only goal against the Bosnian side and much is expected of Ian Durrant, while Williamson is still hoping to entice Durrant's former Rangers team-mate, Ally McCoist, away from Glasgow.

Today's fourth game is at Fir Park, where Motherwell host St Johnstone. Hopes are high among the home supporters that the experience of Brian McClair, part of a summer clear-out from Manchester United, will help them avoid the kind of relegation battle they have endured over the last two Today's match represents a seasons. There is, however, a completely new look to Motherweil, who released 17 players at the end of last season and have 10 new arrivals.

> Hearts and Rangers are the first guinea pigs for the new Sunday night slot, which was the price paid for a huge injection of satellite television money. The new time might take some getting used to by players and supporters alike.

"We'll just have to get on with it and there will be a sell-out crowd for this one, so the fans are certainly giving it their backing," Jim Jefferies, the Hearts manager, said. He the game with the flag being added: "We've have a good preseason but this is when the action really starts."

And so to Rangers, who have bought big over the summer nd in Dick Advo European coach they hope will lead them to success. He starts Dundee the club promoted with the handicap of being from Division One, start their without key players Lorenzo season at home against Amoruso, Barry Ferguson and Gordan Petric through suspension and he knows from last season that his side face a

"I saw Hearts in a live game Meanwhile, the Kilmarnock and believe them to be an exmanager, Bobby Williamson, cellent and growing team with will find out if his side is capa- a lot of young talent," Advocaat

ble of continuing the form they said. Unsworth 'knew about Everton offer'

JOHN GREGORY, the Aston Villa manager, has hotly disputed clubs after Unsworth and that David Unsworth's claim that he did not know about Everton's in- ly furious Gregory said yesterterest in signing him before gransfers ever. Unsworth signed wanted to think the decision

P his back on the club seven days Everton, in a £3m deal. Unsworth's wife, who has o just given birth to their second child was unwilling to move from their home in Merseyside, and the player realised the 150mile round trip to Villa's ground each day was not to his liking. As a result he opted to return

to Everton after learning they

were interested in signing him

in for a second time.

Gregory insisted that Villa had done everything they could to make life as easy as possible for Unsworth and his wife.

was Everton and us," a clearday. "He could have stopped for reeing to join Villa. In what will a day and evaluated the situao down as one of the swiftest tion. He had all the time he for Villa last week, only to turn through. We were perfectly aware of David's situation and later and rejoin his former side, the fact that his wife had recently given birth to another

There were only ever two

"David was given six months to relocate to the area, and we were prepared to let him use a club house. We would have put him up in a hotel, whatever it

CHELSEA HAVE beaten seven lish football on television and like Gianfranco Zola, Brian London club, added: "We're been stripped of the club capleading European clubs to the when my parents and I visited Laudrup and Tore Andre Flo. signature of an exciting young Finnish player, Mikael Fors-

sell. Forssell has joined the West London club on a free The 17-year-old student, who scored four goals on his debut for Finland Under-18s against Lithuania on Thursday

in November on a five-year contract. The German-born Forssell is believed to have turned down the chance to join Ajax, Internazionale, Liverpool, Bayer Leverkusen, Bayern Munich, Sampdoria and Rangers in favour of a move to the European Cup-Winners'

night, will join the Londoners

Cup holders. Forssell is already known to one of his new colleagues, the Chelsea defender Franck Leboeuf. The Finn scored in a practice match in Helsinki against France before the World Cup and he received Leboeuf's shirt as a souvenir

after the game. Forssell said: "I could not believe the number of clubs who wanted me. It was very flatLondon. Chelsea felt right for

"I met all the players, from the youth team to the big names, and everyone was so welcoming. It will be marvellous for me to learn from watch-

Owen was reported yesterday

to be £60m. Liverpool said that

is the figure they want to insure

him for, against loss to injury,

accident or illness over the

next six years of his contract.

have frightened off insurance

companies who are not pre-

pared to take on the risk on the

18-year-old despite a six-fig-

ure premium. That reluctance

could force Liverpool to half

The sum is six times last sea-

son's cover against a career-

ending injury for the striker,

whose profile has soared since

his performances for England

their valuation.

That estimation is said to

"It's a dream chance. I'm so

Celtic players celebrate Harald Brattbakk's goal against St Patrick's Athletic in their Champions' League first qualifying round victory in

Chelsea win race for Finn

excited about my move to to bring in young talent with po-Chelsea, but I will continue to do my best for HJK Helsinki until I leave in November."

£50m cover of Ronaldo.

souvenirs.

Cheisea's managing director, Colin Hutchinson, who helped ing and working with players persuade Forssell to join the

£60m Owen worth half a plane

year-old Italian, Luca Percassi.

Blackburn yesterday denied

tangible proof of wealth, 857 12kg gold bars at £70,000. player and even eclipses the It is based on Owen's transfer value - estimated at around £30m ~ and his crowd-pulling power as well as his impact on sales of club shirts and other

tential."

The latest estimation of Owen's worth leaves other en-tertainers well behind. Michael Liverpool arrived in Dublin Flatley has insured his legs for £25million, Bruce Springsteen insured his voice for £3.5m while Keith Richard has insured the third finger of his left nothing I can do about it.

hand for £1m. Even at that £60m Owen, is still worth only half a Boeing 747 but it's the price you have to pay tering. I've seen a lot of Eng- in France 98, is higher than the but you could buy 387 Rolls for the position you are in.

THE FULL cost of Michael cover for any Premiership Royces or, if you wanted more

Away from the mathematics of modern-day football Owen has admitted he is already getting "fed up" with the pressures of being a World Cup sensation.

"I know it will be like this now for probably the next 10 years, yesterday for this weekend's Carlsberg Tournament. "It's going to be like this for the rest of my career and there's

"I must admit that I am already getting fed up with it all,

delighted Mikael has chosen taincy and ordered to train

Chelsea. It is part of our policy A Blackburn statement said: "While the club is determined to remain professional and dig-Forssell joins in a week when Chelsea have also signed the 17nified in this matter, we feel compelled to point out that Colin Hendry has not been reports that Colin Hendry had stripped of the captaincy because he is not the captain. Our captain is Tim Sherwood. Colin Hendry has not been ordered to train alone. It was agreed in his best interests that he

could." The Nottingham Forest goalkeeper, Marco Pascolo, has joined FC Zurich on loan before a possible permanent move. The 32-year-old former Swiss international, who started his career with Zurich, has made just six appearances for Forest since a £750,000 switch from Italian side Cagliari last summer. Forest have had a £2m offer for the West Bromwich Albion winger, Kevin Kilbane, turned down.

Crystal Palace have completed the signing of the Argentine Under-21 internationals Pablo Rodrigues and Christian Ledesma from Argentina Juniors for £2m.

Unlucky Rangers to face Salonika in Europe

THE RANGERS manager Dick Advocaat reckons fate could hardly have been crueler to his side in yesterday's Uefa Cup draw.

The groupings were such that the Ibrox outfit knew they would face one of four seeds in the second qualifying round draw and, in PAOK Salonika. were paired with the team they feared most.

Apart from the quality of the Greek side, who defeated Arsenal in last season's Uefa Cup, there is the hostility off the field for Rangers to contend with.

Earlier this decade, PAOK Salonika received a two-year ban from European competition because of the behaviour of their fans who have a violent reputation.

Advocaat said: "I think it the worst draw we could have got, they have an excellent team and it will be quite difficult, but we have to do it.

"Every year they fight for the championship and last year Arsenal lost to them over two legs so we will use the tapes of

those games.
"It is a hostile stadium and a few years ago they had many problems there and were banned for a couple of years." PAOK Salonika finished fourth in last season's championship, a repeat of their show-ing the previous year.

Rangers' only previous meeting with Greek opposition ended in defeat four years ago to AEK Athens. The Ibrox side lost both legs of the 1994-95 European Cup preliminary tie - 1-0 at home and 2-0 away.

Kilmarnock, Scotland's other Uefa Cup, hope meet Sigma Olomouc of the Czech Republic as a reward for defeating the Bosnians Zeljeznicar. Sigma Olomouc finished third in their own domestic campaign last term - an improvement from eighth the season before.

The team play in the southeast of the Czech Republic and are based around 150 miles

from Prague. Scotland's Premier League clubs could be handed an extra European place next season if they maintain their record of good behaviour this term.

It could even go to a club that league if the behaviour of players, officials and spectators comes out on top of the 'Fair Play' league.

Uefa are conducting a European-wide Fair Play assessment system which will result in a ranking list of top division leagues.

The governing body will give additional Uefa Cup places to the national associations with the best fair play rankings.

Scotland came top of those rankings for 1997-98 season when the assessments were based on the performances of their club sides in Europe.

But this year, every match in the new Premier League will be assessed, with the possible extra place going to the club that wins the domestic Fair Play competition.

The SFA spokesman Andy Mitchell said: "The rules are drawn up by Uefa and they have specified that it is the winner of Fair Play League that gets the extra place,'

TRANSFERS

Whick commencing 27 July Week commencing 27 July
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to Liverpool: Ian Wiright Arsenal to
West Ham; David Unsworth West
Ham; David Unsworth West
Ham to Aston Villa; Marco Matterazd
Perugia (Italy) to Everton; Neil Ruddack Liverpool to West Ham; Ian
Moore Nottingham Forest to Stockport; Lars Jesper Blomquist Parma
(Italy) to Manchester Utd: Astiley
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LOAN: Craig Faulconbridge Coventry to Dunfermiline.

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COMMONWEALTH GAMES

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CYCLING The Italian former world road champlon, Glanni Bugno, is to retire at the pion, Gianni Blugno, is to retire at the end of the season.

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FOOTBALL Jack Marjason, a Leeds United director for 21 years, has died aged
67 following a long illness.

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ROUND OF THE UEFA CUP: Cruena Zverdo Belgrade (Sect) v Borov Volgograd (Rus);
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v CSKA Sofia (Buil); IFK Gothenburg (Swit);
Fernerbare (Bri), Mars (Soji v Silveborg (Den);
Ranges (Sco) v PAOK Salonika (Gr); Savia
Prague (Cz Rep) v Inter Bradslava (Slonak);
FC Zunch (Swit) v Shakhar Donessk (Uiri);
Brant Bergen (Nor) v Zalgitis (Luli; Krakow
(Roll) v Trabzomspor (Tur); Orekul Galabi
(Ram) v Velje (Ben); Hapoet RI Arke (Iso v Stromspodset (Nor); Osięki (Cro) v Anderlecht (Bel); Omonia Nicosia (Cro) v Anderlecht (Bel); Vasas (Po) v Grazer AK (Aut),
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FIGURE SIGNTING Presiminary Ice Dance, Short programme: 1 A Krythus and O Ovslandkov (Russia) 1.0. 2 Lichachera and I Averbuck (Russia) 1.0. 3 E Grushine and R Goncharov (Ukr) 3.0. 4 J Joseph and C Butler (US) 4.0. Whencefor Storgins, short programme: 1 M Keste (US) 0.5. 2 M Butyerhama (Rus) 1.0. 3. Victoria Volchious (Rus) 1.0. 4 Licelta Hubert. France. 2.0. 5. Irina Stat-

skaya, (Rus) 2.5. 6. Angela Nikodinov. (US) 3 Q. 7. Anna Rechnio, Poland, 3 5 8, Elena 3 Q. 7. Anna Rechnic, Phland, 3 S. 8, Elens Solotiona, (Rus) 4.0.
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RUGBY LEAGUE RUGBY UNION

Bath have signed Jim Fallon, who was released by Richmond, for the second time. Fallon previously played for Bath between 1990 and 1992, scoring 30 tries in 45 apcearances.

SAILING PRINCE OF WALES CUP: 1 C Starley and M Gray (GB); 2 R Bridge and J.Eplert (GB); 3 C Goodman and T Frees (GB).
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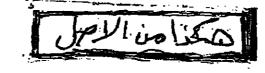
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SPEEDWAY ELITE LEAGUE: Swindon 59 Pool 31 PREMIER LEAGUE: Sheffield 55 New

TENNIS

MERCEDES CUP (Los Angeles) Men's singles, second round: P Rafter (Aus) bt M
Denmi (Cz Rep) 6-35-76-1. I Gimestrob (US)
bt V Spudea (US) 6-3 3-0. (retired, exhaution): S Stolle (Aus) bt A line (Aus) 6-3-7-6.
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(Rom) 6-3-6-6-4. Martin (CR) bt D Sategunetti (II) 7-6-3-6-6-3.
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Hill faces £2m Jordan pay cut



MOTOR RACING

BY DERICK ALLSOP at Hockenheim

DAMON HILL needed a second glance but it confirmed his disbelieving impression and return to the sharp end of Formula One. His third place in practice for tomorrow's German Grand Prix was also a timely riposte in his negotiations for a new contract with Jordan.

Only the McLaren-Mercedes cars of Mika Hakkinen, the championship leader, and David Coulthard were ahead of Hill at the end of yesterday's session. Michael Schumacher, in his Ferrari, was fifth, Ralf Schumacher, in the other Jordan, 10th.

Hill's season has lurched from the modest to the downright indifferent and he has yet to score a point. That burden has proved heavier still these past two races because his team-mate has registered points in

spun off in the British Grand Prix at Silverstone and then expressed his frustration after the team miscalculated his laps in qualifying for last week's Austrian Grand Prix, where he lined up 15th on the grid.

Neither Jordan, nor their engine partners, Mugen-Honda, were amused by the public laundering of dirty linen. The mood changed dramatically yesterday, Hill savouring his work on the track where he has traditionally been strong. Hill, who completed the day just

0.348 seconds down on Haldenen, said: "It was very satisfying to see my name in the top three again. This is the most encouraging Friday of the season for me.

"And we're not kidding ourselves either. We did this with plenty of fuel in the tank. The car seems inherently good here and we are knocking on the door of being regular top six runners again. If you look back over a few races we have been building up this kind of momentum and I can see some light at the end of the tunnel."

A good result here tomorrow would palpably strengthen Hill's he said. "We want to keep both our position more than any performance in practice. He has indicated his preference to continue driving with Jor-Ralf Schumacher

Hill had an option to stay at the team, but the deadline for him to exercise that right lapsed a fort- the potential at Jordan and a strong night ago. Now the playing field has finish to the season would unbeen levelled, the bargaining muscle is perhaps in Jordan's favour and they appear intent on taking pace his young partner.

It is understood Hill's salary for this season is around £5m, a huge slice of the budget a midfield team like Jordan are able to raise. If Hill is to stay, he may have to be satisfied with nearer £3m for next sea-

Eddie Jordan, the team owner, declined to discuss details of their ongoing negotiations, restricting himself to uncontentious comment. "We want Damon to stay and we are

hopeful we can reach agreement," drivers. We feel we are going from strength to strength as a team."

Hill still has the option of retiring, dan, who in turn have stated or he might be tempted by the likes positively they wish to retain him and of the British American Racins team, or Stewart-Ford. He has also been linked with Williams. He speaks enthusiastically about

doubtedly sharpen his appetite to race on, but more so if he can out-

McLaren have yet to announce their driver line-up for next season, but Coulthard maintains there is no uncertainty in his mind, that he and Hakkinen will again be in tandem.

Coulthard has had to wait for confirmation as rumours of McLaren's approaches to other drivers have continued. A bid for Michael Schumacher he can appreciate; a supposed move for Jacques Villeneuve he finds less logical.

"I'll be glad when it is all an-

nounced and over with," Coulthard gine to its limit and that could work against us." admitted. "But it's not something that has concerned me in the least.

All I know is what I've been told by

the team, and I don't believe they

I've always been certain it would be."

make a statement here. The team

say it is "imminent" and that just a

few final details have to be sorted.

But behind Coulthard's brave face

and loyal stance must lurk a degree

"All I want to do now is focus on

my racing," he said. "I want to win

as many races as I can before the

end of the season and try to at least

"I'm reasonably satisfied with

finish second in the championship.

the job we have done today and sur-

prised a little bit about our advan-

tage. But our concern on this circuit

is reliability. It really pushes the en-

have lied to me.

Coulthard accepts Hakkinen now leads the McLaren fight against Michael Schumacher On yesterday's showing the German may not be such a danger in front of his own crowd. The "I am absolutely certain it will be Ferrari had the straight line speed the same pairing next year, just as but not the grip through the twisting Stadium section. Another Ferrari-If there are no further doubts, it powered car, Jean Alesi's Sauber, seems curious McLaren, and Merwas comfortably quicker. cedes especially, would not wish to

Tour de France: Riders demand action over drug abuse as power surge from Backstedt makes history for Sweden

Riis leads calls for a 'pure sport'

BY ROBIN NICHOLL at Autun. France

RIDERS IN the Tour de France ster said that it was the riders' decalled on the governing body, the Cision. "They are not mentally and Union Cycliste Internationale, to physically capable of racing." he said. Union Cycliste Internationale, to act promptly to clean up the sport in a statement broadcast on Radio in the wake of the drug scandal that Tour, the race's link with its huge has overshadowed the 98th edition workforce and media. of the world's premier cycle race.

Tour with two days to go to the finale on the Champs-Elysees. The UCI is not here just to write rules and arrange the racing calendar. Together with them we have to sort out this problem which has come out in

After Magnus Backstedt became the first Swedish rider to win a Tour stage. Riis went before the media to deny a newspaper story that quoted him as calling Rodolfo Massi "a drugs dealer". Massi had led the Tour's Mountains Grand Prix before he was held for questioning by police investigating alleged drug abuse by Tour riders and was forced to drop out of the race.

"I never said that he was dealing. I am sorry for his team, and I hope that Massi will be freed soon." Riis said. "A lot of people think that my team. Deutsche Telekom, do not agree with what the justices are doing. Their work is necessary for cycling."

Riis, who won the 1996 Tour was challenged at the start in La Chauxde Fonds. Switzerland, The French manager of Massi's Casino team. Vincent Lavenu, asked him if it was true that he had accused the rider of trafficking in drugs. After an Italian rider, Alberto Elli, had also questioned him, Riis asked his team manager, Walter Godefroot, to arrange a media meeting.

"I had said that if Massi was guilty of bringing illegal drugs into the sport it was right that police should investigate." Riis said.

Massi was detained by police on Wednesday at Chambery, near the French-Italian border, along with Nico Terrados, the doctor with the Spanish team ONCE. Yesterday Massi faced the examining magistrate in Lille the centre of the inquiry into the case regarding the Festina team, which was thrown out of the Tour after drugs were found in a

The remaining five riders of the TVM team did not start yesterday, and a team official. Guido van Cal-

Four TVM riders were subjected We want a pure sport," said the to medical tests on police instrucriders' spokesman. Bjarne Riis on tions on Wednesday. TVM's manager, the day that the TVM team quit the Cees Priem, and their team doctor, Alexandre Mikhailov, are being held on drugs related charges.

The first casualty outside the Tour was the prestigious Criterium de France, one of the first bigmoney appearance races for leading Tour riders. The sponsors called off the race, which was due to run at Chateau Chinon on Monday. As the scandal rumbled on yes-

terday 13 riders made the 19th stage their showpiece. The Frenchman Jacky Durand, already a stage winner, raced off in the first kilometre, and after 70km he had 12 others to help him build a lead that had soared to 16min 38sec by the finish. The Italian race leader, Marco

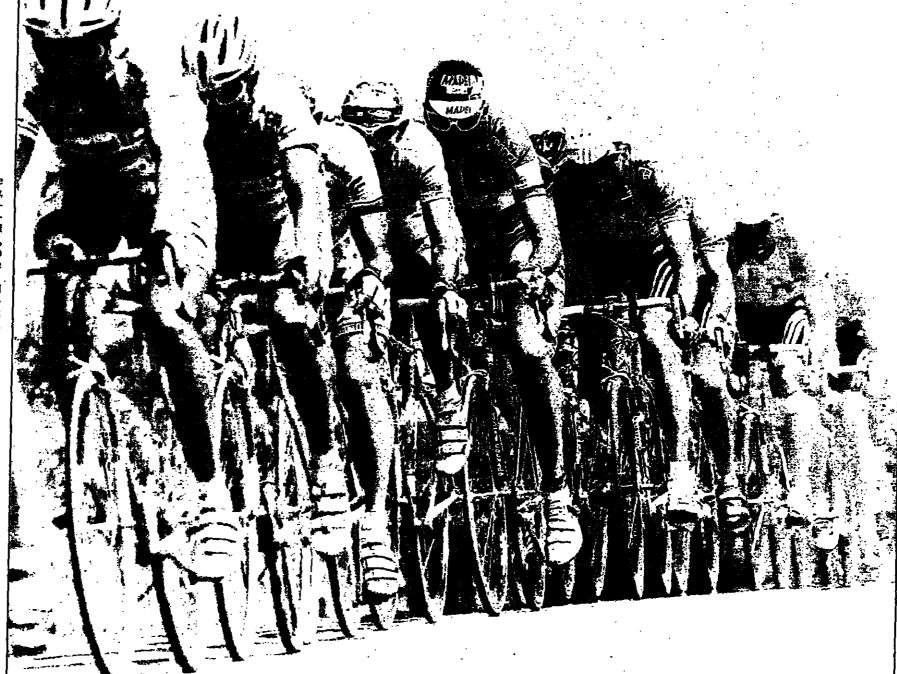
Pantani, and his closest rivals were unperturbed. The Frenchman Thierry Bourguignon came nearest to posing a threat, and he was more than 57 minutes adrift of the yellow jersey position. Pascal Deranie, sporting purple-

dyed hair, broke up the party 16km from Autun when his attack took four riders away to contest a sprint finish. As they sped through valleys of Burgundy vineyards and on to the breeding ground of the Charollais, the quartet opened a lead that was comfortable enough to allow them to finesse in the finishing straight.

Then the pure power of the Swede swept all before him as Backstedt edged out the Dutchman Maarten den Bakker, the Italian Eddy Mazzoleni, and the colourful Derame, of the US Postal Service team, to create a little piece of Swedish sporting history.

"I am just overwhelmed. I cannot believe that I have won." said Backstedt, who once used cycling to im- The International Olympic Comprove his fitness for downhill skiing. but realised that his cycling was better than his aloine skills.

in the Tour. Today Pantani faces the best to deal with the problem of the challenge of a 52km time-trial into use of illegal drugs in sport.

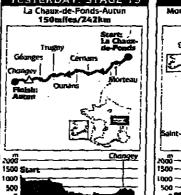


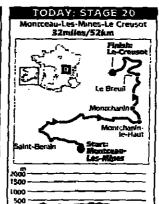
The yellow jersey of the Tour leader, Marco Pantani, is sandwiched in the pack during yesterday's 150-mile stage through Burgundy to Autun

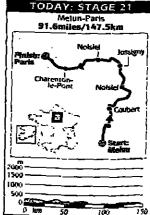
Le Creusot. His 5min 52sec advantage over the American Bobby Julich and 5:56 over last year's winner, the German Jan Ullrich, may take a battering. Each respectively took 3:03 and 4:21 out of the Italian in a 58km time trial at the end of the first week, but racing over the Pyrenees and the Alps will have blunted the speed of Julich and Ullrich.

mittee, galvanised by the Tour de France drug scandals, have called a special executive committee meet-There is very little downhill left ing on 20 August 20 to discuss how

TOUR DE FRANCE 19th stage (150 miles, Neochâtel, 5mit to Anton, Pri; 1 M Backstedt (5me) GAN 5hr 10min 14sec 2 M den Bakker (Neth) Rabobank; 2 E Mazzolani (fr) Seco; 4 P Derame (Fr) US Postal, all same time; 5 F Guesdon (Fr) FDJ, at 25sec; 6 F Sacchi (fr) Pole; 7 J Durand (Fr) Casno; 8 A Turiconia (fr) Assec; 9 S O'Grady (Aus) GAN; 10 T Gouvenou (Fr) Egisma, all 5-t 13 T Bourgolgmon (Fr) Bg Mat +28sec; 14 Richwen (Aus) Rabobank + 16:38; 15 E Zabel (Gerl Telekom; 16 S Zanki (fl) Mape; 17 P Conneur (Fr) Casho; 18 F Simon (Fr) GAN; 19 N Jalabert (Fr) Cofids; 20 A Tafl (ft) Mapel, all 5-t 20 A Tafl (ft) Mapel, all 5-t 20 Companies (Fr) Cofids; 20 A Tafl (ft) Mapel, all 5-t 20 Cofids +5mn 4:25ec; 3 J Ulinich (Ger) Telekom 5:56; 4 C Rinero (Fr) Cofids; 3-20; 3 J Ulinich (Ger) Telekom 5:56; 4 C Rinero (Fr) Cofids; 8-8:01; 5 M Boogerd (Neth) Rabobank +8:05; 61-C Rotini (Fr) (Fr) Fostal +12:34; 7 R Meter (Swit) Cofids; 13:19; 8 Daniels Nardello ft/ Mapel 413:36; 9 Bjørne Rils (Den) Telekom (4:45; 10 Gluseppe di Grande (ft) Mapel 115; 13: 11 A Mercku (Bel) Poln +16:15; 12: L Plepoh (ft) Saeco +16:53: 13 5 Heulo: (Fr) Frol +17:49; 14 D Baranowski (Pol) US Postal +19 22: 15 B Hamburger (Den) Caslon +22:57; 16 K van de Wouwer (Bel) Lotto +23:51: 17 K Livingston (US) Cofids; +30:30: 18 P Farazim (Bel) Lotto +30:47: 19 J Jaksche (Ger) Poln +32:43; 20 £ Madouas (Fr) Lotto +34:48.







Alcohol ban for part of Headingley

CRICKET

YORKSHIRE HAVE decided to ban spectators from bringing alcohol into part of Headingley for England's decisive fifth Test against South Africa next week

Consultation with the police and other ground safety agencies have , led officials to prevent ticket holders for the Western Terrace bring- of the mindless minority." a ing their own alcohol into the spokesman for Yorkshire said. "Sim-

the ground, who are still allowed to

bring up to four cans of beer in. "We remain committed to the principle of providing a comfortable and safe environment for the average spectator to enjoy international cricket at Headingley without being subject to the anti-social behaviour

ground, although the this will not apply to spectators in other present other provincial Test match venues."

Chief Inspector Ray Shepherd added: "A lot of time and money is spent on the event and we will not allow a handful of ill-behaved idiots to spoil it for everyone else. If they are not in the Headingley ground to enjoy cricket then we will try and make sure they don't get in at

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Gillespie may be on the way out

FOOTBALL

KENNY DALGLISH, the Newcastle manager, could be willing to listen to offers for his winger, Keith Gillespie. With the Middlesbrough manager, Bryan Robson, on the look out for a forward to play out on the flanks, Newcastle's Northern Ireland international could find himself a target for the Premiership newcomers.

Bromwich Albion winger, Kevin Kil-

Middlesbrough have shown interest for some time now in the West

bane, but it is believed that Denis League, laying on two of Faustino up with a £5m offer then Newcas-Smith, the manager of the First Division dub, wants more than Robson will pay. Middlesbrough, who host a four-

team tournament featuring Newcastle, Benfica and Empoli this weekend, are keen to get their man before they start their Premiership campaign against Leeds United in a fortnight's time.

Less than a year ago Gillespie inspired Newcastle to victory over Barcelona in the Champions' Asprilla's three goals. However, he has had a chequered career on Tyneside since Kevin Keegan signed him as part of the Andy Cole deal in January 1995.

With both Alan Shearer and it might seem unlikely that Newcastle would be open to offers for Gillespie. However, if the Middlesbrough chairman, Steve Gibson, and his manager were able to come

tle might find it too much to turn

With the arrival of seven new faces in recent weeks and more to come. United may think it is time to cash in on Gillespie. They have an Stephane Guivarch in the middle abundance of wing-backs on the looking for service from the flanks books, including Laurent Chavet and Alessandro Pistone.

Gillespie, meanwhile, has an ankle injury and is ruled out of this weekend's competition. More football, page 25

